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Bela Fleck & the Flecktones

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Bela Fleck, bass player Victor Wooten and the rest of the Flecktones played for a sold-out crowd Monday in Wellin Hall.

Garrett lecture on disease packs the Chapel

By Joy Dreibelbis '99
MANAGING EDITOR

Laurie Garrett, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for her reports on Ebola, and author of *The Coming Plague*, lectured to a full house in the Chapel this past Tuesday night.

"We live in an environment which is rich in microbes," she said, and it is "human behavior which provides the opportunity for the emergence of new microbes."

Garrett explained how our failure to provide worldwide public health leads to the emergence of new bacterium and viruses such as Ebola, Anthrax, Mad Cow disease, and the E. coli bacterium.

Recently having travelled throughout the former Soviet Union, Garrett studied the health conditions of this area of the world, which is currently experiencing the "greatest non-plague related demographic shift in all of history," she said. The death rate there is now 1.6 times greater than the birth rate, with an average life expectancy for males of only 58 years.

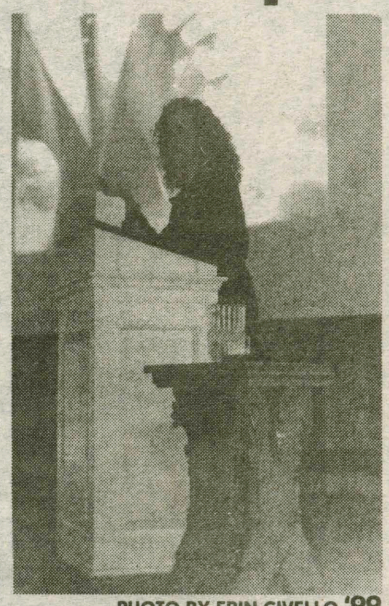

PHOTO BY ERIN CIVELLO '99

Puliter Prize winner Garrett lectures on emerging diseases.

Using a dramatic display of slides showing the unbelievable conditions which she observed, Garrett showed the declining health of the people

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Campus to celebrate Women's History Month

By Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS CO-EDITOR

In the wake of a successful Black History Month series of celebrations, the Office of Multicultural Studies is now putting together a program for March's National Women's History Month, to commemorate the sometimes overlooked contributions women have made to American society.

"It's an important month that can sometimes be neglected," said Tom Royal, Director of Multicultural Studies. "It's a time to think about contributions women have made to history in general."

Royal has several ideas already on how to celebrate WHM on the Hill, but hopes to send a campus wide email soon to ask for input from the community. On the slate is a daily informational video in Beinecke highlighting a different woman each day.

He plans to run a weekly "Spotlight on Women" in *The Spectator*, recognizing women that have made tremendous contributions to Hamilton. He is also hoping to put together a "Women's History Review," a talent show open to all, but dedicated to women.

Royal believes that in order for WHM to be a success, there must be input and opinions from everyone.

Originally, Women's History celebration was just a week long, celebrated the second week in March. But in 1987, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to include all of March. Each year, programs and activities in schools and communities are becoming more extensive as information and ideas are shared and developed.

In addition to March being National Women's History Month, 1998 is also the 150 year anniversary of the first women's rights convention, held in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York. Seneca Falls is about eighty miles east of Utica on the New York State thruway. The birthplace of women's rights activists like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton who organized the first convention, all eyes will be on Rochester and Seneca Falls this

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Pub Committee changes ID process

A response to community concern

By Ilko Menkov '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

In November 1997, The Little Pub implemented a new ID system.

Then in January, Betsy Espe, Director of Auxiliary and Contract Services, announced that Friday and Saturday nights will return to a 21 and over crowd, causing Tom McCue '98 to write a passionate letter to the editor titled "There once was fun...but now there is none."

Next, Tim Fazio '99 and Andy Cook '99 started the Pub Committee to act as an intermediary between the Administration and the student body.

Consequently, the Administration agreed to grant access to all students on the weekends, and changed the standard for getting the Little-Pub-Accepted ID.

This is the debate around the Pub in a few sentences. However, it all started with the implementation of the new ID system.

In a November 11 article titled "Pub implements new ID system," Matt Brand '98 wrote, "The new mandate annoyed many students of all ages."

Many students were not willing to go through the hassle of supplying all the necessary documentation just to receive the new ID.

"Others feel that the new card is a proof that social life at Hamilton is a farce, and the school is a fabricated playland at odds with the real world," said Brand in his article.

Everything seemed to have settled down until, in January, the Administration closed the Pub for underage students on weekend nights.

This change inspired McCue to write his letter to the editor, which, according to Espe, "made us rethink our decisions."

The Administration decided that they had to discuss the changes in the Pub with the entire community.

The discussions were facilitated by Fazio and Cook, who are the chairs of the newly-established Pub Committee.

After their meetings with Espe, Chad Marshall, the Pub Manager, and Joe Cappa, manager of Bon Appetit, the policy which prohibited underage students from visiting the Pub on the weekends was reversed.

The two students meet with the three administrators every Friday in the Pub for lunch, when they discuss problematic issues and propositions for entertainment in the Pub. Espe expressed her satisfaction with the ongoing discussion, and hopes that everyone, who wishes to organize some event in the Pub, will come forward and take the initiative.

"What may be of equal interest to the student body is that many people have heard the concerns voiced by students about age identification issues. We have agreed to 'change' the standard for getting your Little Pub Accepted ID," added Espe.

In order to receive the "Little Pub Accepted ID" a student has to provide a state, federal or international picture identification. The Office of Auxiliary and Contract Services makes and retains a copy of the identification.

The student then has to sign a verification statement that acknowledges the student's responsibility for the provided proof. The Pub gets a copy of the proof of age and of the verification statement. Then the student is issued the new ID.

Little Pub Accepted ID's are produced in the Auxiliary and Contract Services, Ferry Building.

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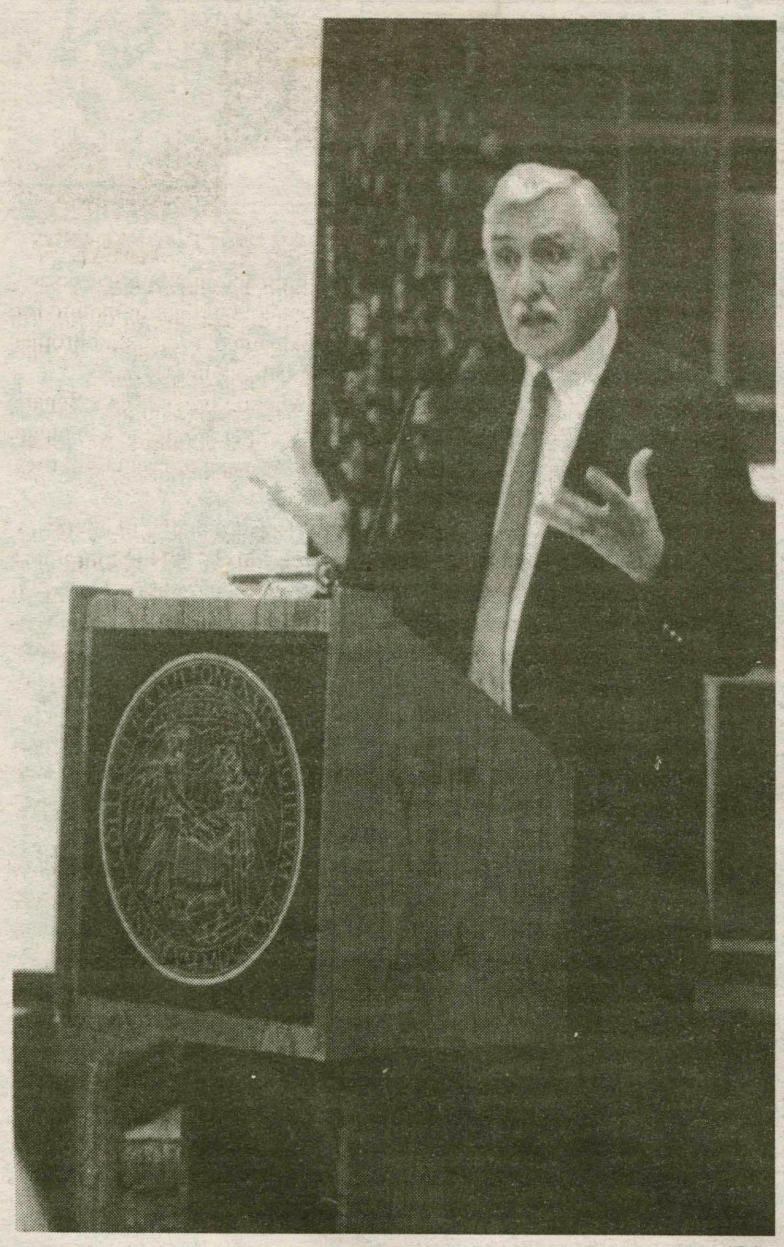

PHOTO BY ERIN CIVELLO '99

Patrick Fagan, senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation, gave his lecture on welfare reform Monday night in Bristol's Dwight Lounge. Fagan's lecture was sponsored by the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center.

Special to the Spectator: Student Assembly Treasurer announces organization budgets for Spring '98

ORGANIZATION	Spring '98 Allocation
Animal Rights Collective	n/a
Asian Cultural Society	$3,980
Bobby Peru	$310
Buffers	$983
Conservative Club	$9,330
Campus Activities Board	$56,645
CCC	$4,570
Classics Club	$400
Emerson Literary Society	n/a
Foreign & Fine Film Society	$2,121.10
French Club	$100
German Club	$500
Hamilton Classic Film Society	$855
Hamilton College Gospel Choir	n/a
Hamilton College Democrats	$1,927.55
Hamilton Environ. Action Group	n/a
Hamiltones	$1,065
International Relations Group	$1,500
International Students Assoc.	$1,235
Middle Eastern Union	$1,520
Model UN	$2,034.28
N.A.S.S.A.	$1,260
Root Jessup	n/a
Russian Club	$595
Samuel Kirkland Film Society	$3,325.20
SHARP	$425
Spanish Club	**$275**
Special K	$170
Student Dance Alliance	$680
Untitled At Large	$750
Whenow Dance Troupe	$505
CLASS OF 1998	$18,135
CLASS OF 1999	$250
CLASS OF 2000	$181
CLASS OF 2001	$603.40
TOTAL	*$115,530.53*

The Spring 1998 funding hearing was held on Sunday, February 8th in the Honor Court room in Bristol. Thirty organizations appeared before the funding committee of Student Assembly and requested funds for the semester. The funding committee thoroughly reviewed each organization's request and came up with a reasonable budget for the semester. On Monday, February 9th, the Student Assembly approved the proposed budget of $115,530.53 for the spring semester. Each organization's allocation for the semester is shown in the above summary.

At this time, some budgets have been sent back to organizations for clarification.

Emerson Student/Faculty Collaboration Grant

Summer, 1998

Ten grants will be awarded with a $3,000 stipend for students and a $2,000 stipend for faculty members. Students in the classes of 1999, 2000, 2001 are eligible to participate. Some preference will be given to proposals that come from areas of the curriculum where there is little or no funding for summer work. Proposals for a variety of projects are welcomed for "research or other scholarly or creative collaboration outside the confines of the classroom." The only stipulations on the award are that there be progress reports during and at the end of the summer and some public written and oral report, primarily by the student, of the results of the collaboration during the 1998-99 academic year.

The completed application from the student will include the following:

- A one to two page summary of the proposed project outline the intended research sufficiently to convey the nature of the project and your understanding of it.
- A statement of how participation in summer research program fits into your educational and career goals.
- A letter of endorsement from your faculty sponsor.

Submit your completed proposal with supporting document to the Office of the Associate Dean of the Faculty by March 2, 1998. Applications will be evaluated by a faculty panel and awarded based on merit. Notification of awards will be made by the end of March, 1998.

Questions concerning the program? Contact David Paris (ext. 4616, e-mail: dparis)

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Women's History

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summer, as the region is considered to be the cradle of the women's rights movement.

Although the majority of events are scheduled for July 10-19, the week of the original conference, lectures and activities are sprinkled throughout the year. Seneca Falls is home to the Women's Rights National Historical Park and Women's Hall of Fame, where twenty new members will be inducted in July. Rochester boasts the Susan B. Anthony House and has also been selected to be the hub of the summer's festivities, "Forum 98," which will bring together scholars, policy makers and many national leaders to assess women's issues and an agenda for the 21st century.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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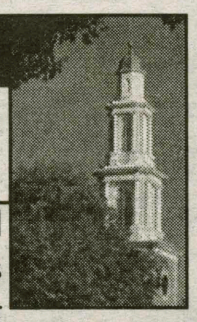


Criminal complaint filed regarding theft of papers

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis, — The Badger Herald filed a criminal complaint against a state official Monday in response to allegations that she ordered Assembly pages to seize all copies of the student newspaper from the state Capitol.

A Capitol staffer and several pages are accusing Sergeant-at-Arms Denise Solie of ordering the confiscation of between 30 and 50 copies of Feb. 18's edition of The Herald. The staff member and pages say Solie was upset by an "inappropriate" comment made by former page Jenni Cole-Opitz about Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen, R-Brookfield.

Solie has denied the allegations. She did, however, fire the page for her comments.

Capitol Police Det. Ed Barden took the complaint and is in the process of investigating whether The Herald, a free newspaper, can be stolen.

"My main concern is: can you steal a free newspaper?" Barden said.

Mike Hiestand, a lawyer with the Student Press Law center in Arlington, Va., said there is recent legal precedent for such a complaint.

"There have been two successfully tried cases in the last year and a half," Heistand said. "In addition, because this is a government official ... they may be guilty of First Amendment violations."

Free student newspapers at the Universities of Florida and Texas have successfully filed complaints regarding stolen newspapers within the past two years.

Barden said he will consult with Madison District Attorney Diane Nicks today about how to proceed with the case. He said Nicks will decide if she will prosecute Solie, or pass the complaint to the state attorney general's office.

The Herald's complaint is based on comments made by several pages, who spoke on the condition their names be withheld, and by legislative assistant Mike Verveer.

Verveer said the sergeant-at-arms office told him they confiscated a stack of Heralds.

He added that a page was able to bring him two personal copies of the paper from the sergeant-at-arms' private office stash.

To protect itself from theft, The Herald runs a disclaimer on page two of every issue stating: "Each reader is welcome to pick up one complementary issue of The Herald each day, any additional copies must be picked up at The Herald offices."

Investigation of fraternity continues at University of Louisiana

(U-WIRE) Baton Rouge, LA. — The East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney announced the results of the ongoing investigation into the death of Benjamin Wynne at a press conference Wednesday. District Attorney Doug Moreau is charging H.B.M. Corporation, the parent company of Murphy's Bar, with 86 counts of unlawful sales to persons under 21. Sigma Alpha Epsilon as a corporation will be charged with 86 counts of unlawful purchase of alcoholic beverages on behalf of persons under 21.

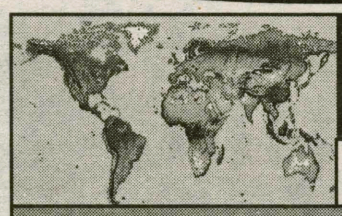
If found guilty on these counts, the maximum fine for H.B.M. Corp. is $100 and/or six months in prison per charge and $500 and/or 30 days in prison per charge for the SAE chapter, according to Moreau. However, after evaluating the results of the investigation, the DA's office concluded "[Wynne's death] was his [own] responsibility." The investigation will remain open in the event other evidence surfaces.

"Our goal in this case is to gather as many facts as are possible and find the truth of what happened without prejudging what the results will be," Moreau said. Moreau appointed Prem Burns, chief of the special investigative division, to the head the investigation into Wynne's death.

Burns concluded the tragedy was "an individual series of choices that basically resulted in [Wynne's] death." Moreau announced the investigation led to the knowledge there was heavy drinking and there were a number of underage drinkers, he said. "The purpose of the event was to get drunk as quickly as possible," Moreau concluded.

Dean of Students Tom Risch will release the University's plans for any action against the SAE fraternity Thursday, he said. The fraternity is currently suspended from campus. LSUPD will continue to assist Moreau's office with any request to reinterview witnesses. The impact the results will have on the Greek system at LSU is unknown, but Kathy Marcel, director of the Office of Greek Affairs, is "sure it will have some impact on the system."

WORLD NEWS



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Beheading Coverage debated in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — First, the beheading of a schoolboy stunned the country. Now, media aggressiveness in reporting the story is disturbing privacy conscious Japan, where some newsstands even refused to sell a magazine that published details of the grisly murder. The respected Bungei Shunju printed the transcript of a police interrogation of a 14-year-old student who decapitated another youth last year. His mutilated head was found outside a school. Bungei Shunju says it merely defended the public's right to know. But authorities say printing the 46-page transcript flaunted the law and violated the young offender's right to privacy.

The teenager recounts the killing in detail, meticulously describing how he decapitated his victim, played with and mutilated the severed head and even drank the boy's blood. The murder shocked Japan, a country that prides itself on its safe streets and good schools, and the subsequent arrest of a teenager prompted nationwide soul-searching about the country's values and high-pressure school system.

The authorities' handling of the case made Bungei Shunju and some other publications determined to pry open Japan's secretive society.

"As a member of the media, we view very seriously freedom of speech and the public's right to know," the magazine said in a statement explaining its decision to publish the transcript. "Citizens have the right to know about every incident, every trial that impacts their lives."

Japanese authorities have tried to keep a tight lid on information ever since the discovery in May 1997 of 11-year-old Jun Hase's mutilated head at the gate of his junior high school in Kobe, 240 miles southwest of Tokyo.

News organizations are prohibited by law from releasing the names or images of juvenile offenders. But Japan's courts are notorious for refusing to make public even basic documents, such as indictments, which

are often available in other countries. Two weekly tabloids issued the first challenge, running the convicted boy's name and photo. TV commentators argued that the public needed to know because the killer could strike again.

Bungei's decision to print the transcript prompted the Tokyo prosecutor to investigate who leaked the document. High-ranking officials lambasted the magazine. Some merchants removed Bungei Shunju from their shelves.

'You must approach business with a sense of ethics," a spokesman for Teito Rapid Transit Authority, whose newsstands in Tokyo's subways refuse to sell the magazine. "We don't sell pornography at our stands, either."

Swiss claim Israelis were spying

JERUSALEM (AP) — The disclosure of a yet another bungled undercover

operation, this one in Switzerland and reportedly aimed at the Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrilla group, struck a demoralizing blow Thursday to Israel's fabled Mossad intelligence agency. Switzerland's Foreign Ministry demanded an apology from Israel after residents on the outskirts of Bern reported a break-in and police caught a Mossad agent trying to install a wiretap.

On Tuesday, Mossad chief Danny Yatom resigned over his agency's botched Sept. 25 attempt to poison a Hamas political leader in Jordan. And in January, retired Mossad agent Yehuda Gil was indicted on charges of fabricating reports that Syria was preparing for war. Israel's Yediot Ahronot newspaper, quoting foreign sources, said the agent arrested in Switzerland was trying to bug offices of the Hezbollah.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed that an Israeli citizen had been arrested, but would not comment further. An Israeli official said the targets were connected to Iran. Swiss German Television, meanwhile, said the intended target was the militant Islamic group Hamas in Bern. Israeli media suggested Yatom resigned in part as a result of information about the Swiss operation leaked by disgruntled senior Mossad officials.

Israeli officials indicated the Swiss had been willing to keep the incident quiet, and had been negotiating the release of the Mossad agent until they were forced to respond to leaks. "We would have preferred to have dealt with it quietly," said Pierre Monod, the Swiss ambassador in Israel.

The leaks — and the blow they dealt to the Mossad's crack image — drew more outcry in Israel than the incident itself, described by many commentators as routine.

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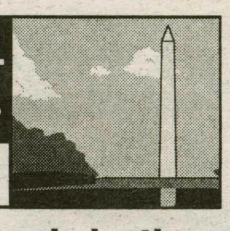

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Senators accused of gay discrimination

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is accusing a small group of Republican senators of discrimination for blocking the confirmation of a San Francisco philanthropist who would be the first openly gay U.S. ambassador.

But conservative lawmakers who are preventing a Senate vote on James Hormel's bid for the Luxembourg post contend it's his gay rights activism and not his sexual orientation they find disturbing.

"This is not a tolerance issue. This is a matter of advocacy of the gay lifestyle," said Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., the most recent lawmaker to declare he had placed a hold on Hormel's Senate floor consideration.

President Clinton, making a personal plea for his embattled nominee, told a San Francisco fund-raising event Wednesday night that Hormel's sexuality shouldn't be a consideration.

"I have just one question," Clinton said. "The only question the United States Senate should ask, and there is only one answer, will he or will he not be a good ambassador.... That is all we should ever ask."

The White House acknowledges it faces an uphill battle in securing the high-profile post for Hormel, who has given more than $200,000 to the party since 1995, but Hormel's rights are at stake.

"There's only one reason he's being held up and that is the fact that he's gay," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said. "We don't think that's right or fair.... He deserves an up or down vote."

Sens. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., and James Inhofe, R-Okla., also have placed open holds on Hormel and other lawmakers have done so anonymously, said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. As a result, Hormel's name isn't expected to reach the floor without a fight, if at all.

Heir to a meatpacking fortune, Hormel, 64, is a founding board member of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest gay rights organization in America. But he has pledged to resign and give up gay-rights activism if confirmed.

"I will not use, nor do I think it is appropriate to use, the office of the ambassador to advocate any personal views I may hold on any issue," Hormel wrote recently to Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore.

Smith now supports him, as does Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah — both members of the conservative Mormon church.

"I don't like discrimination of any type,'" Hatch explained Hatch and Smith signed a "dear colleague" letter supporting Hormel circulated by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. Also signing were Sens. Joseph Biden, D-Del., and Robert Torricelli, D-N.J.

Hormel once won confirmation to a federal post -- alternative U.S. representative to the United Nations in 1995 when Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was ambassador.

Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., assured by Albright that Hormel would not be a gay-rights envoy, let the nomination out of his committee in October.

Hackers invade Pentagon computers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Federal agents raided two homes outside San Francisco in their investigation of a hacker attack on the Pentagon computing system, a source said Thursday.

No arrests have been made in connection with the searches in Cloverdale, a community about 80 miles north of here. The targets of the Wednesday night searches were juveniles, said a source familiar with the case who spoke on condition of anonymity.

San Francisco FBI spokesman George Grotz would not comment on whether the searches were related to the series of electronic break-ins of non-classified Defense Department computers.

But he acknowledged the bureau had executed the warrants in connection with a computer fraud case.

"We seized various hardware and software items. That's all we're saying," Grotz said.

Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre told reporters Wednesday that the intruders appear to have entered systems with information on personnel and payrolls.

"It was the most organized and systematic attack the Pentagon has seen to date," he said.

Hamre speculated the attacks have been aimed at inserting "trapdoors" into the system. In such an attack, hackers break in, cover their tracks and leave a way to return in the future.

He said the intrusions had "all the appearances of a game" and apparently were perpetrated by a small number of people.

SECURITY blotter

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:36 a.m.	E-mail harassment reported at 3950 Campus Road
10:22 a.m.	Vandalism of school property (shattered windows) in Bundy East
8:03 p.m.	Medical emergency in Wellin

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:42 a.m.	Medical emergency in Carnegie
9:37 a.m.	Security alarm triggered in Beinecke Mail Center
7:10 p.m.	Larceny of personal property in Beinecke Village

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

1:54 a.m.	Cooking smoke sets off fire alarm in Millbank
2:50 a.m.	Discharged fire extinguisher triggers fire alarm in Bundy West
2:51 a.m.	Maliciously pulled station triggers fire alarm in Bundy East
5:09 p.m.	Malfunction caused by power surge sets off fire alarm in Sage Rink
5:27 p.m.	Vandalism to school property (broken glass) in 3940 Campus Road
6:57 p.m.	Malfunction caused by power surge sets off fire alarm in Sage Rink
8:31 p.m.	Malfunction caused by power surge sets off fire alarm in Sage Rink
11:57 p.m.	Medical emergency in North Court

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
NO INCIDENTS REPORTED

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:40 a.m.	Vandalism to school property (broken windows, furniture) in Bundy East lounge
8:01 a.m.	Vandalism to school property (broken windows, furniture) in Millbank lounge
9:37 a.m.	Shower steam sets off fire alarm in Sage Rink

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:38 a.m.	Medical emergency in Dunham
9:24 a.m.	Vandalism to school property (broken windows) in Bundy East lounge
1223 p.m.	Unauthorized cable hook-up in South
7:17 p.m.	Malfunction caused by power surge sets off fire alarm in McEwen dining hall
11:38 p.m.	Medical emergency in Fieldhouse

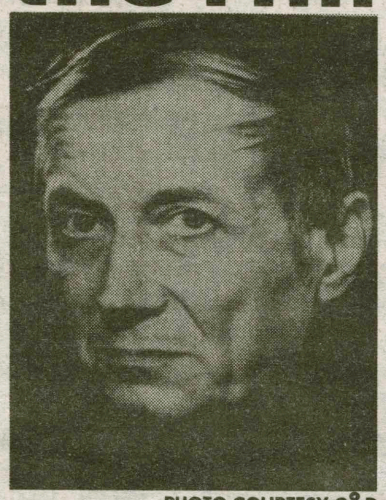
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

3:56 p.m.	Domestic dispute in Keehn
9:00 p.m.	Faulty detector triggers fire alarm in Carnegie
11:02 p.m.	Power failure in 3940 Campus Road

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:20 a.m.	Medical emergency in Dunham

Poet to visit the Hill



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BY SPECTATOR STAFF

Internationally renowned writer Yevgeny Yevtushenko will read selections from his work Wednesday, March 4 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

Yevtushenko is the author of 18 books and arguably Russia's most famous living poet. Born in Zima Junction, Siberia, he wrote his first poem at the age of 16 and his first novel at 19. At the age of 27 he became the very first person to break across the Iron Curtain and read his poetry in the West.

Yevtushenko is an active political dissident— he has protested the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, authored a poem denouncing war in Afganistan and lobbied for the release of Vaclav Havel from prison.

Yevtushenko's visit is sponsored by the departments of English, Russian Studies and comparative literature and the President's Focus Series on Civility, Diversity and Conflict Resolution.

Prof. leads chat on fasting

BY KATHY WEBBER '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A fireside chat with Professor Steve Humphries-Brooks entitled "Fasting, Asceticism, and Mysticism in the Early Church" was held on Tuesday at noon in the Fireplace Lounge in Beinecke. Students and faculty gathered to discuss aspects of and beliefs about fasting in earlier times as well as the present.

Humphries-Brooks, of the Religious Studies Department, specializes in the study of the New Testament with a primary focus on the 3000 B.C.-500 A.D. time period and the religious culture of the Mediterranean Basin.

The chat was held in preparation for the season of Lent, which began on Wednesday. According to Humphries-Brooks, Christians use fasting as a sympathetic way to take on the suffering of Jesus during Lent. Fasting is not only a Christian culture, but rather, most religious groups engage in the practice of fasting for religious purposes. The custom is cross cultural.

Humphries-Brooks explained that fasting is a serious issue in some religions and some fast for extended periods of time. In the Bible, Jesus fasted for 40 days, and some have succeeded in fasting for that much time and longer.

"It's not something you just do," said Humphries-Brooks, "It's something you learn to do. It's a discipline."

Humphries-Brooks said that the amount of time one is able to spend fasting depends on the individual. Those who become accustomed to fasting are able to slow down their breathing and metabolic rates.

The theories behind fasting vary from culture to culture. For some, fasting leads one to a divine vision. Some use fasting to open themselves up for divine inspiration. Fasting is a way to mourn a loss or sinfulness. Fasting is also a method of self-purification for some.

"You are putting yourself totally at the mercy of God," explained Humphries-Brooks, "The word of God sustains the body."

One student brought up the fact that some believe that occasional fasting provides medical benefits. However, Humphries-Brooks pointed out that is not an issue in religions.

Most students who attended the chat became involved in the discussion and were interested in the topic at hand.

"It was interesting because I hadn't thought of the true religious meanings behind fasting," said Julie Raysnford '00.

This chat was the first of the Fireside Chat series. Other scheduled chats include one led by President Eugene Tobin on faith at a liberal arts institution and one led by Russell Blackwood, Professor of Philosophy, concerning a religious individual's role in society. The chats are coordinated by Jeff McArn, the college Chaplin.

McArn's work to promote discussions about religious issues has not gone unnoticed by students.

"I have definitely noticed the increased effort and hard work that Jeff McArn has put in to promote the diverse types of faith which are practiced on campus," said Raysnford.

Garret fills the Chapel with her lecture "The Coming Plague"

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living in these regions. They have no clean drinking water, with urine and industrial pollution finding its way into the same water which the people drink. Vodka, being cheaper than a bottle of clean water, is consumed in massive amounts, leading to a 500% increase in deaths due to alcohol psychosis.

The individual countries do not have enough money to buy chlorine to disinfect the water, so contaminated water continues to be consumed. This pollution has led to a proliferation of tuberculosis and many workers in Siberia are carrying multiple strains of the disease. These strains have emerged because of "inappropriate use of antibiotics," Garrett said, "leading to multi-drug resistant tuberculosis."

Hopelessness may, perhaps, be the most prevalent ailment in the regions of Russia and the independent republics, and this has led to heavy drug use in the population. Russia is struggling with a massive narcotics addiction in these regions, with dealers "purposely underpricing in these regions to create a generation of addicts," Garrett said.

She showed slides of public parks where the ground is covered with used needles and where people shamelessly shoot up in public with

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friends. Needles are repeatedly recycled, which partially explains why there are now ten strains of the HIV virus circling in that part of the world. Only two strains are present in America.

Also contributing to the HIV problem in the Commonwealth of Independent States is rampant prostitution. Garrett observed rows of prostitutes standing all along Red Square, most of them extremely young girls. "There has been an explosion of syphilis in recent years," Garrett said, which is not surprising, considering that she estimates that the "average 26-year-old woman has had twelve abortions in her lifetime." Clearly, she asserted, birth control has not been made a priority and is compounding the already present health problems.

Finally, Garrett stressed the importance of intervention in Russia, and other countries in which public health is so severely lacking. Even implementing "basic sanitation procedures" would help significantly, Garrett said, citing as examples clean water, clean syringes, and using latex gloves when working with human blood.

We are not safe here in America from these new strains of disease, she said, for if they migrate to our continent, we do not yet have the capabilities to deal with them.

"Society's concept of risk is warped and strange," Garrett added, saying that we accept the risk of driving without wearing seatbelts and smoking packs of cigarettes, but take no action against newly emerging strains of deadly tuberculosis. She expressed her displeasure with the media for scaring the public with frightening headlines about Anthrax and hantaviruses, rather than educating them and sending out messages in a constructive way. Garrett ended with a plea for intervention in regions like Russia, so that we may stop the next plague before it starts.

LECTURES

Friday: Professor Margo Okazawa-Rey from the School of Social Work of San Francisco State University will give a slide presentation and discussion on "Women and Children, US Militarism and Human Rights in Asia" at noon in the ELS Lounge. Sponsored by the Irwin Chair in Women Studies, and is co-sponsored with F.W.C. and the Kirkland Project.

Monday: At 7:30 pm Katherine Edin, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, author of *Making Ends Meet: How Single Mothers Survive Welfare and Low Wage Work* , will speak on "Welfare Reform" in the Science Auditorium. Sponsored by the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center and the Kirkland Project.

Thursday: There will be a Ralph E. and Doris M. Hansmann lecture given by Michael Gazzaniga of the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at Dartmouth College at 8 pm in the Science Auditorium.

FILM

This week's film is *The Pillow Book* and will play Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 10 pm in the KJ Auditorium. Sponsored by Foreign and Fine Film Society.

ARTS

Saturday: At 8 pm Ann Carey will give her Senior Recital in Wellin Hall. This event is open to the public and is free admission.

Sunday: The play *For Colored Girls* will be performed at 6 pm in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Theatre and Dance Department.

Wednesday: Yevegeny Yetuvshenko, a Russian Poet, will give a poetry reading at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. A reception will follow in Emerson Gallery. Sponsored by the departments of English, Russian Studies, and Comparative Literature.

CHECK IT OUT

Saturday: There will be a ski trip to Stratton Mountain, Vermont. The trip is $25 and includes transportation and lift ticket. Sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

Monday: Satyjit Ray's film, *Panther Panchali* (India '55), will be shown at 3 pm and 7:30 pm in the KJ Auditorium. This film is part of the College Course 300.

Wednesday: At 3 pm and 7:30 pm, Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo* (USA '58) will be shown in the KJ Auditorium as part of College Course 300.

Thursday: "Push Stars with Matt & Eric '98" will perform at 8 pm as part of the Acoustic Coffeehouse Series. Sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

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Eating disorders can be beat

ANONYMOUS

As National Eating Disorders Awareness Week comes to a close, I can't help thinking about my best friend, "Anne," a clinically diagnosed anorexic with bulimic tendencies, who goes to school at George Washington University in Washington, DC.

I met Anne at the beginning of my junior year of high school. She was my good friend's neighbor, and I had heard all sorts of different rumors about her: that she was anorexic, that she used to be really fat and had low self-esteem, that she was hospitalized, etc. While I discovered later that some of these rumors were true, Anne did not fit the description that I had imagined. Sure, she was thin; but she had an overt personality, striking features, and a warm smile. I did not think of her as the sickly individual I had heard so much about.

When Anne and I became close, it took her a while to confide in me. At first I felt that she didn't trust me. It was hard for me to be close to her when I felt that she was always keeping something from me. Usually when people shut me out of their lives, I get impatient and walk away. But for some reason, I couldn't do that with Anne. Except for the fact that she had an eating disorder, we were almost exactly alike.

Anne is now one of my best friends; in fact, she is one of the only people that knows everything about me. My patience enabled me to find someone I could confide in as well. I have learned so much from her over the past couple of years. She is a very smart, determined, and outgoing person, and I learn something new from her every day.

When I called Anne to ask her for help on this article, the first thing she said was, "Our school's doing stuff for National Eating Disorder Awareness Week too. I feel like crawling into a little hole." When I asked her why, she explained to me that she thought it was good that people were aware, but that it was scary for her to hear about the issues brought up in panels, discussions, and free screenings, that she could recognize in herself.

I agree with Anne that this week is important; however, I believe it is more for those who are not suffering than it is for those who are. While I feel as though I have a good understanding of what it's like for Anne, I know I will never fully understand what goes on in her mind.

Anne suggested that I relate her eating disorder to alcoholism. While many people blame the media and its obsession with thinness as the source of the problem, this is not entirely true. In Anne's case, it was a combination of factors, both a desire to lose weight and a series of personal and family problems that triggered her illness.

Anorexics like Anne turn to food to avoid or numb pain. Their initial desire to make things momentarily better in their lives becomes an addiction before they realize it. Calculating how little or how much they eat becomes a part of their life and their personality, and it is very difficult for them to break the routine.

There is definitely a double standard in today's society. When Anne first started to lose weight, she got lots of compliments on her appearance. As soon as she got too thin, however, she was labeled as an"anorexic." Even after she got better, she still felt like people judged her on her past instead of who she was as an individual.

It took Anne a long time to even realize that what she was doing was unhealthy. Even now, while she realizes that what she is doing is not good for her, she finds it difficult to break her habits. It's almost unavoidable for her at college, away from the people that have known her and supported her in the past, to change her ways. She wants to keep her past a secret, but she also wants to find security in her new environment.

Anne and I wanted to give some advice to those who want to help their friends with eating disorders. The things that I have learned from her and want to share with everyone here are as follows:

1.Anorexia and bulimia are serious, and while those who are suffering may deny that they have a problem, they probably do want help

2.Men as well as women can suffer from eating disorders.

3.If you want to help,you should confront the person individually first, before bringing it to a higher authority, i.e. a professional, their parents, etc.

4.Jokes don't help.

5.In order for the person to get better, it has to come from inside of them; you can be supportive, but you can't force them to change their ways, or watch over them constantly-it will only make them feel worse.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

The weight of the snow of Tuesday's storm brought down branches all over campus. But the snow did not bring down the spirits of the more playful Hamiltonians.

Taking time to play

BY ELIZABETH BROOKS '98
SPECIAL TO THE SPEC

As I laid in the deep snow with snowballs whizzing over my head, the realization that college is a truly novel experience hit me hard (along with a large snowball). I stood up again and resumed the game, packing snow into little balls as fast as I could. At one in the morning, when the power is browned out and there is over two feet of fresh snow on the ground, what is a college student to do other than play?

I watched a pack of 19 and 20 year old men make imaginary military charges against each other, acting like seven-year-old boys, and felt very content. I realized that I will not have the opportunity to tackle my friends and throw them into deep banks of snow for very much longer, and wanted to enjoy it. I set aside my pondering until the power was back on and the snow had stopped falling; when the world had returned, at least for the most part, to normal.

Last week, we lost power for an evening. The atmosphere created by over one thousand people in very close quarters with no power was very well expressed in the Quotable Quotes section of last week's *Spectator*: "Where's the keg?" asked Norm Forslund '98 as soon as the campus went dark. There were even rumors of bonding in Bundy that night. I played charades by candlelight, and listened to screams and shouts as two unidentified students tore through Milbank in black robes and masks that very much resembled those from the movie *Scream*. And even though there had been complaining when the lights flickered out, everyone seemed a bit disappointed when they just as suddenly burst back on.

This same atmosphere fell across the campus with each snowflake that hit the ground on Tuesday night. Both sides of the snowball fight on Martin's Way would holler, "Civilians approaching, cease fire!" as people walked through the middle of the battlefield. Then, without warning, we would start pelting the "civilians" with the snowy ammunition. Never once was there a complaint. The "civilians" would laugh and run, or maybe even throw a lone snowball in retaliation, knowing it would have no impact other than to provoke the mob of snow-covered students even more. Everyone knew it was just a game.

On Wednesday morning, I walked through what had served as the battlefield for the games of the previous evening on my way to class. I wondered how all the people who walked past me on the path with their eyes focused firmly on their shoes had passed their evening. I sincerely hoped that they had played, too.

I almost stayed home on Tuesday night. But it occurred to me that in a year's time I may not have the opportunity to play in the snow at one in the morning just because I feel like it. As students we have all the freedom in the world, and even though we think that our responsibilities are heavy, they are nothing in comparison to those we will face once we have diplomas in hand. So if I happen to jump out from behind a tree and throw a snowball at you, please don't get mad. That's college, and that's what I'll miss.

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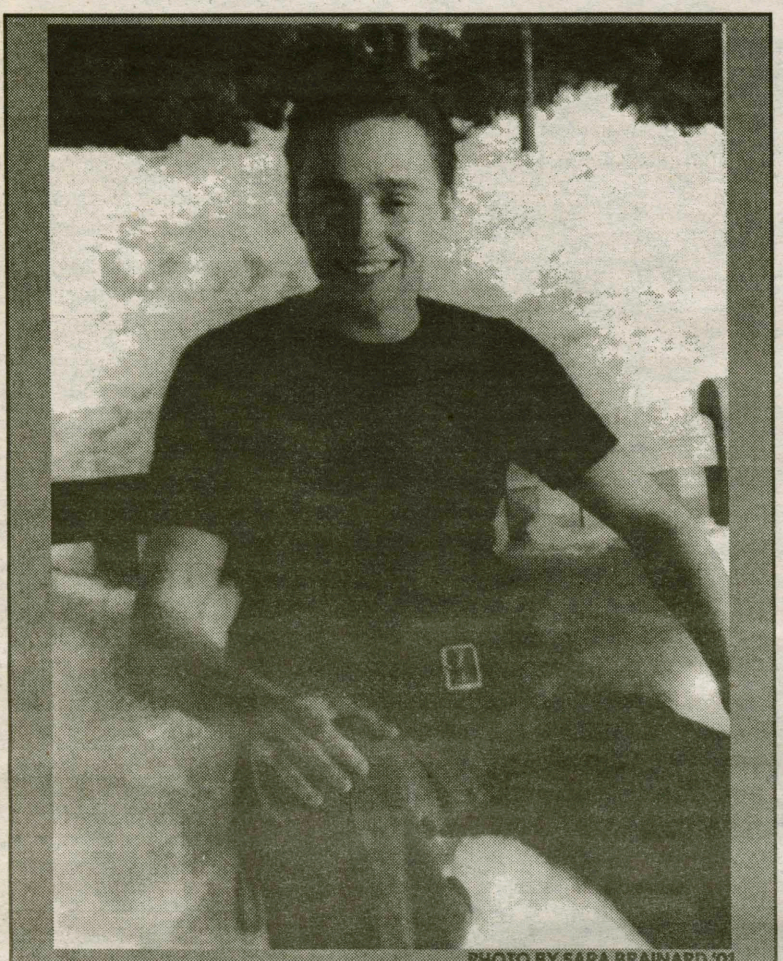

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Dave Arkema, a *Face in the Crowd.*

FACES IN THE CROWD

Dave Arkema '98

BY SHAUNA WRESCHNER '00
FEATURES WRITER

At the end of our interview, Dave Arkema '98 told me that he wanted me to forget everything we talked about and, instead, write about his passion for the theatre. Then he told me he understood that this column is about different people, their histories and their dreams, and he would understand if I had to write about him.

If you have not figured it out from his assertion above, Dave Arkema is a student driven by his own passions for the theatre and by helping other students discover their own passions. "I want people to be aware of the potential of what can be done, be aware of themselves and what they want to do," said Arkema. He discovered years ago that his own passions are in the theatre and helping others.

Of his arrival on the Hill, Arkema says, "[I did] not really know what I wanted to do. I was seeing where things would take me." After being involved in many high school productions and the New England High School Theatre Festival, Dave decided to put theatre off for a semester and focus on his work. The next semester he returned to the theatre, acting in the student production of "The Fantastics" and taking a course in acting. He then realized that he needed theatre and could not live without it. Arkema also pursued the arts in other forms, such as the College Choir and Jazz Combo.

Sophomore year Arkema lived in Keehn and focused his energies on performing, and these two parts of his life kept him busy. Echoing many other students, Dave said that, "living in Keehn was one of my better experiences at Hamilton. Any conversation over dinner would be more intellectually stimulating than those I had in class or with other people. The people in Keehn really care about what you have to say and are really open with their feelings." That spring Arkema acted in a production of Buchner's "Leonce and Lena", balancing four hour rehearsals a night along with classes in physics, biology and math. At the end of the semester, he changed his entire plan for the future and declared a theatre major, math minor and enrolled in the pre-med program.

That summer, Arkema worked at Westwood Lodge Hospital, a mental health hospital in Massachusetts. It was an eye opening experience working as a mental health counselor in a ward for abused teenagers. "Westwood is the last in a series of hospitals for these kids. It was one of the hardest and best jobs I've ever had, and it got me interested in psychology. It was also very stressful and all consuming and I had no time for theatre," he said.

When he returned to the Hill for his junior year, Arkema performed in a senior directed project, continued to play in the jazz combo and became part of Bobby Peru. Peru is one of his favorite performing venues because it is a "different kind of theatre." He was asked to lead the troupe last semester, but found the group worked so collectively, that a leader was almost unnecessary.

> **"Some peoplehave the problem of not knowing what they love. My problem is that I have so many things I love."**

What he did instead was bring together a new group of students to form YODAPEZ. YODAPEZ is a result of Arkema's desire for a new improvisational group on campus. The group tries to incorporate as much theatre as possible into their pieces. What he enjoys most and thinks is the group's greatest strength is their diverse backgrounds. "The great thing is that we are all grounded in different things: Theatre, musical theatre and improv. Plus, those who don't have a lot of experience more than make up for it in enthusiasm."

He worries that people will think he is more committed to one troupe than the other. Arkema enjoys performing in both groups and says, "I expect everyone in Bobby Peru and YODAPEZ to understand I want to perform in both groups and help people who are excited explore what they want to do."

Arkema's dream is to start a theatre company outside Boston, with the help of Hamilton alumni. The company would perform "artistically innovative theatre outside the mainstream culture, that is younger and fresher than commercial theatre." He came one step closer to that dream when he was accepted to "J'aques Leqecoq Ecole Internationale de Theatre," which is a "movement" school in Paris for performers. A movement school, as he explains it, teaches actors how to use their bodies on stage when they perform.

According to Dave Arkema the point of finding out what a person is truly passionate about is to experience one of the rare "moments of bliss" in life. He says, "A moment of bliss is when you lose yourself so totally in what you are doing that you forget about goals. That is what people should take away from Hamilton-a way to get these moments. "Goals are there to set you running and the feeling of running is what it is all about."

Looking back on his participation in the College Choir, theatre productions, Jazz Combo and all the other things he has done at Hamilton, Arkema is grateful for his passion for the theatre and life in general. "Some people," he says, "have the problem of not knowing what they love. My problem is that I have so many things I love."

RILEY'S

Irregular Ramblings

Taking advantage of time

BY RILEY FENNER '00
FEATURES EDITOR

Human beings are believed to be the only animals with an accurate conception of time. As children, our idea of time is not fully developed. For that reason, kids bother their parents by doing things like asking "Are we there yet?" every thirty seconds during a five hour car ride. As college students, we have a greater understanding of time than we did as children, but we still haven't completely brought our picture of the fourth dimension into focus.

"I like to make schedules for my days with my electronic Palm Planner. It makes me feel good to know that my time is firmly nailed down to a schedule, and that I'm not grasping for seconds and minutes as they whirl around my head. Before I got my day planner, I never knew what I would be doing from one minute to the desk. First I would be taking a shower, then I'd be asleep, then I'd be trying to invent a new style of music using my nail clippers and my tongue. I was a very happy person at each moment, but at the end of a year all I had to show for myself was a bright white jacket and a bright white room. Then one day I got my hands on my doctor's day planner, and planed my escape from the institute. From that day on, I've been going nowhere in a much more orderly manner."

"I had a twelve page paper due last Tuesday, so I planned to start it at midnight on Monday and be done in plenty of time. After all, spending an hour on each page seemed more than adequate. The problem was that it was a research paper, and the library isn't open all night."

Lots of students have complaints with the hours that College facilities are open. "I think that the fitness center should be open later in the evenings, especially on weekends. When people are letting loose and feeling good on Friday and Saturday night, they should have the opportunity to exercise and blow off steam. If they did, there would be a lot less property damage in the dorms."

"I'm always losing track of time. There are big blocks of hours all throughout my week that I just can't explain my use of. I think I have a superior intellect that lets me know beforehand when a segment of time, such as the hours I would spend watching my screen saver before writing a paper, or reading campus e-mail announcements, isn't going to impact my life. When I see one of these pieces of time coming to hit me between the eyes, I duck down, look at my watch, and realize that it's passed me by just like that."

"I don't like the fact that time is out of my control. I have power over objects and their location in space, but their place in time is another matter altogether. I'd like to move a lot of things, like my bad habits, into the past, whereas I wouldn't mind placing all the work I have to do this week into some anonymous hole in the future."

Learning to control time is like training a new pet. First you need to get to know it on a friendly basis by wasting time, finding out how long it takes to do things, and learning what a minute feels like. Once you get to know time as a friend, you can figure out how to manipulate it to suit your needs. Time management is ultimately an evil practice, but nevertheless a necessary one.

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Eating disorders affect college students all across the nation

By Scott Von Duhn '01
NEWS WRITER

Today marks the end of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, a relevant program here on the Hill, and at all colleges, as eating disorders proliferate on campuses across the country.

National Eating Disorder Awareness Week is sponsored by Eating Disorder Awareness and Prevention (EDAP). Eating disorders are the symptoms of certain weight and body image issues that both men and women can face. Although their numbers are not large, the problems that men face with eating disorders must be dealt with using the same sympathy and care as with women.

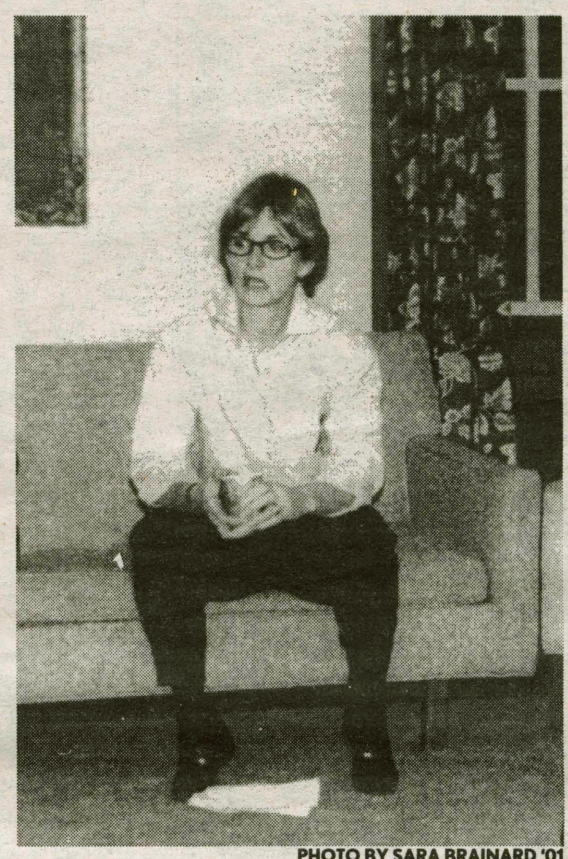
Women are often the majority of eating disorder victims, and unlike men, the problems can start at only a few years old and persist well into middle age. There are lots of reasons for this discrepancy, such as the 30 billion dollar diet industry that makes money off of the insecurity, low self-esteem, and dieting tendencies of women.

The facts concerning eating disorders are startling. Fifty percent of all nine year old girls in America have already tried dieting, and at that point, permanent and irreversible damage has already been done, both to the body and mind of the young girls. By the teenage years, over 80 percent of all young women have dieted or starved themselves, and many have already stared to develop unhealthy eating patterns, which can become eating disorders.

By the definition of an eating disorder, and the various diseases that represent it, such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorders, up to 50 percent of women have some sort of disordered eating pattern. Picking at food around other people and munching uncontrollably in secret because of unsated hunger is a common problem for many women. Another problem is the tendency for women to punish themselves because they don't live up to an ideal by starving themselves or purging their food, and possibly using dangerous laxatives and diuretics.

Binge eating is another kind of eating disorder, which causes people to eat because they are sad, bored, had a bad day, or just as an activity. This can lead to dangerous weight problems and obesity which are just as harmful to the body. In all eating disorders, the person is unable to follow a healthy, safe, and beneficial intake of food. Sometimes a lack of variety can lead to malnutrition. Often women see certain foods like cookies, ice cream, and potato chips as bad/evil/fat and foods like yogurt and vegetables as good/healthy/fat free. But a variety of food is necessary for good health.

Often people aren't aware of the extent to which an eating disorder can cause damage to a person's health and body. Infertility, liver, heart, and lung deficiency can all result from disordered eating patterns. Only one third of all people recover fully from an eating disorder, and another third make a partial recovery, but may still be prone to disordered eating. Among the remaining third who don't recover at all, about 10 percent of them die, either from heart failure and other complications caused by their unhealthy eating patterns.



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Counselor Jan Fisher speaks on eating disorders.

Just how relevant is this to college students? Well over 11 percent of college women suffer from bulemia nervosa, and another 10 percent or more have various other eating disorders, including binge eating disorder.

If you are unclear about the signs of the most common eating disorders, you should know that the most frequent syptoms of bulimia nervosa are repeating and self-defeating cycles of bingeing and purging. Sufferers may feel numb to hunger pains, but later find that they eat uncontrollably. Often, they have a distorted body image, and may feel or see fat that isn't really there, or have an intense fear of weight and fat. Anorexia nervosa sufferers often refuse to maintain a healthy body weight for their age and height, are very obsessed with their body shape and weight, and have a similar fear of fat and a distorted body image just like bulimia nervosa sufferers.

These are not the only disorders, and of course some people may have a combination of symptoms unique to their situation. Disordered eaters may abuse purging, diuretics, laxatives, and may over exert themselves in dangerous amounts of exercise. People with eating disorders can be of normal weight, very emaciated or obese. It is the behavior, not the body shape, that determines if someone has a disorder.

If you feel that a friend or family member has an eating disorder, and would like to help, do so gently. Don't fight with them, or bring up the subject in a stressful or embarassing situation. Try to be understanding, and let them get better on their own.

Just bringing it to their attention may be enough to help them change their eating. If the person is suicidal or is potentially threatening their own life, get professional help immediately. You may be saving someone's life.

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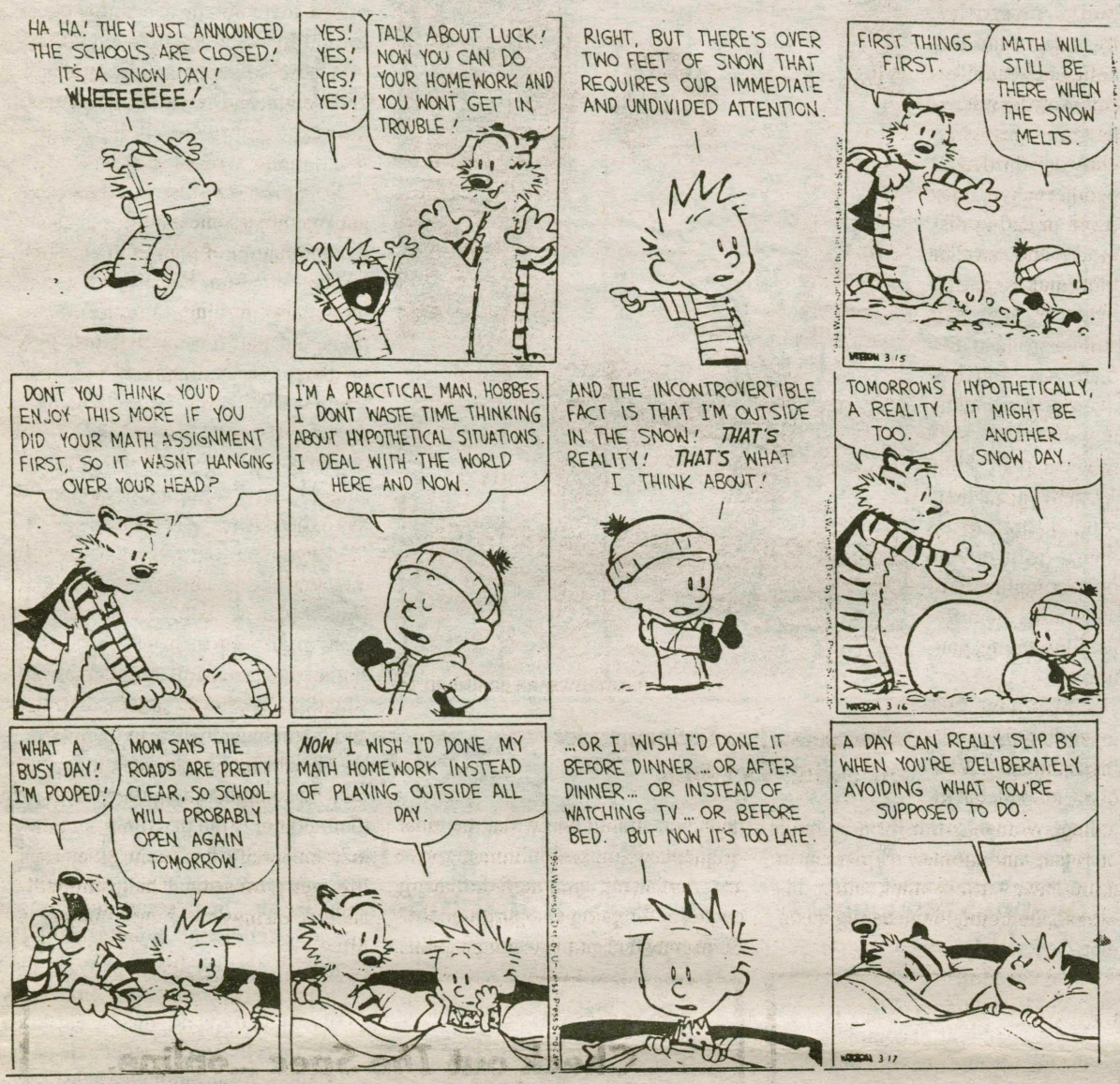
Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson


HA HA! THEY JUST ANNOUNCED THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED! IT'S A SNOW DAY! WHEEEEEEE!
YES! YES! YES! YES!
TALK ABOUT LUCK! NOW YOU CAN DO YOUR HOMEWORK AND YOU WON'T GET IN TROUBLE!
RIGHT, BUT THERE'S OVER TWO FEET OF SNOW THAT REQUIRES OUR IMMEDIATE AND UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.
FIRST THINGS FIRST.
MATH WILL STILL BE THERE WHEN THE SNOW MELTS.
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D ENJOY THIS MORE IF YOU DID YOUR MATH ASSIGNMENT FIRST, SO IT WASN'T HANGING OVER YOUR HEAD?
I'M A PRACTICAL MAN, HOBBES. I DON'T WASTE TIME THINKING ABOUT HYPOTHETICAL SITUATIONS. I DEAL WITH THE WORLD HERE AND NOW.
AND THE INCONTROVERTIBLE FACT IS THAT I'M OUTSIDE IN THE SNOW! THAT'S REALITY! THAT'S WHAT I THINK ABOUT!
TOMORROW'S A REALITY TOO.
HYPOTHETICALLY, IT MIGHT BE ANOTHER SNOW DAY.
WHAT A BUSY DAY! I'M POOPED!
MOM SAYS THE ROADS ARE PRETTY CLEAR, SO SCHOOL WILL PROBABLY OPEN AGAIN TOMORROW.
NOW I WISH I'D DONE MY MATH HOMEWORK INSTEAD OF PLAYING OUTSIDE ALL DAY.
...OR I WISH I'D DONE IT BEFORE DINNER... OR AFTER DINNER... OR INSTEAD OF WATCHING TV... OR BEFORE BED. BUT NOW IT'S TOO LATE.
A DAY CAN REALLY SLIP BY WHEN YOU'RE DELIBERATELY AVOIDING WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO.

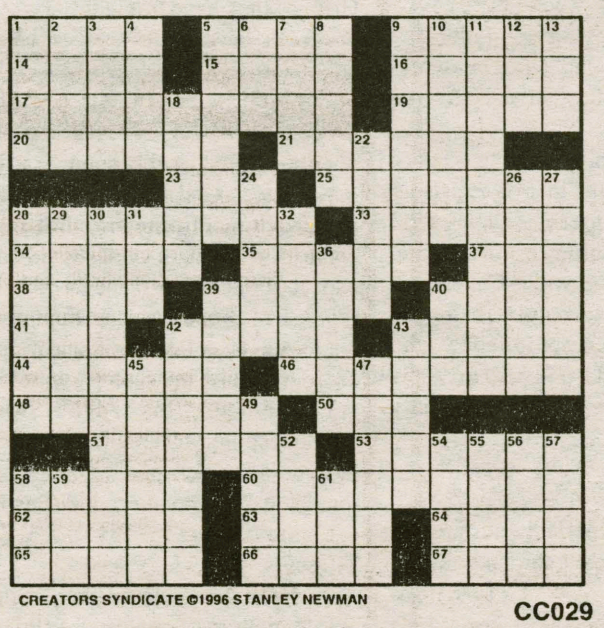
CROSSWORD

Campus CrossWord

ON THE GRIDIRON by Bob Lubbers
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 Cotton variety
5 Nearly all
9 Obligations
14 Eye part
15 Blues singer James
16 *Kate &* __
17 Angler's carryall
19 Actress Massey
20 Afternoon china
21 Greek dialect
23 I love: Lat.
25 Remain loyal to
28 Grows severe
33 Indian tent
34 Interest gouging
35 Farm buildings
37 Hole piercer
38 Coal boxes
39 Hoagies
40 Russian river
41 DC summer setting
42 Gluts
43 __ nous
44 Repair a shoe
46 Arrayed, as for battle
48 Dreaded flies
50 "My Gal __"
51 Actor Omar
53 Redeems, with "in"
58 '30s bandleader Jones
60 Motorcycle actuator
62 Witchlike woman
63 Possess
64 Opera solo
65 Elias and Julia
66 Agitate
67 Yin and __

DOWN
1 *12 Monkeys* costar
2 *"Dies __"*
3 Shiny mineral
4 Inquires
5 __ *in St. Louis*
6 Pony-players' place: Abbr.
7 Ancient colonnade
8 Levies
9 Some newspapers
10 __ Islands (former name of Tuvalu)
11 Street celebration
12 Can metal
13 Vast expanse
18 WWII admiral
22 Kruger and Preminger
24 Beginning
26 Take warning
27 Hollered
28 Lyndon's veep
29 Stage whispers
30 Be boss
31 Jrs., next year
32 Begat
36 Finishes last
39 Healthier
40 One, to Pedro
42 Oil sources
43 Fitzgerald et al.
45 Fuel gas
47 Green Bay player
49 Sect of India
52 Decree
54 Remain
55 __ kiri
56 Actress Moran
57 Male deer
58 *"__ bin ein Berliner"*
59 Broadway hit sign: Abbr.
61 106, to Nero



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-anonymous sophomore about an inexperienced hook-up

"I'm a big athletic supporter."
-Prospective '02

"It wasn't a chocolate breast to begin with."
-Megan Manchester '01

"Yeah, I'm in this class... I've been here all semester."
-Toby Ditzel'99 in answer to Prof. Rubino

"It hurts but you gotta do it."
-Kristen Daly '01

"Wouldn't it be easier if you just straddled me?"
-Steve Guditus '01

"Yeah I have random guys on the campus mounting me all the time
-Karl Mellander '00

"I get to run red lights in a truck full of drugs"
-Andrew Osterman, '99 On why he wants to be an EMT

PERSONALS

I would like to express my gratitude to the two very helpful students who shoveled me out and gave my car a push to get me out of the snow on 2/24/98 in back of Dunham. Also thanks to Chris Ingersoll for the use of her shovel. I really appreciate all of your help.
-Ceil Gilbert

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EDITORIAL

Can't we do it with the lights on?

Imagine it. It's Monday night. The power is out on the Hill, and it's not coming back on for seven days. What would life be like?

First, everyone in your dorm would go completely nuts. People everywhere. Out in the halls, complaining about the papers they'd lost, running across the quad playing one enormous game of flashlight tag. The halls of every dorm permeated by the scents of several hundred illegally burning girly, potpourri candles. You'd even meet some people that live on your hall that you don't know when they asked to borrow some matches.

Sure, it's fun for a while, but what happens after the first night? The shower is freezing. But then all of your clothes are so dirty because the laundry machines won't work, that nobody bothers to shower anyway. The heat is out. You have to bundle yourself in multiple dirty fleeces.

Alarm clocks wouldn't work. Is that a bad thing though? It would certainly give you a good excuse next time you show up to class late. Once you got to class, you'd find that professors who have become reliant upon the overhead projector are waving wildly at blank spaces on the wall.

There would be no light after the faint sunlight that we're accustomed to faded away at 5 p.m. But at least we'd still be fashionable, every item in the J. Crew catalogues that flood the mail center each season was made to match.

Possibly the hardest hit by the electrical crisis would be all of those email and internet junkies out there. They would sit, mouths gaping open, in front of blank computer screens, fearful that they might actually have to "chat" with real, live people.

As soon as the batteries in your discman ran out, there would be no music. Students would have to resort to all a capella, all the time. Some might even take it upon themselves to learn the much neglected school song, Carissima.

Craving nourishment, students would eventually make their way to the equally disabled dining halls. Those that ventured to McEwen would have the more difficult journey as they would have to maneuver over the bodies of passed-out caffeine fiends in front of Cafe Opus. In the glorious dining halls you would find that no longer could you obtain steaming mystery meat; you would have to exist on salami and jello alone -- the only foods with enough preservatives to last through the crisis without proper refridgeration.

And how could we forget perhaps the worst, most devastating calamity of this crisis...there would be no Spectator!!!

Perhaps a loss of electricity would cause students to use their creativity to find new and interesting amusements. There would be campus-wide snowball fights and shadow puppet competitions by candlelight. A new trade and barter economy might develop involving the trade of monster slices for squirrel pelts.

Ok boys and girls, and now do you understand the moral to this hypothetical blackout? Well, think about it. A week when people are forced away from their computers, away from TV. A week when people are forced to communicate and cooperate with their neighbors. Imagine this time when it's socially acceptable to say "hi" to people that you don't know. It would be like first-year Orientation all over again. A week like this would bring the campus together to play. But can't we do it with the lights on?

I hear you're 21 tomorrow. Better get work done now. I was unconscience for 3 days after my 21st
WAR AND PEACE
the night before 12:00AM
21 tomorrow! Better work now. I couldn't hear out of one ear & had amnesia for 3 days after my 21st
ROOTS
The night before 3:00 AM
I got this tatboo! I don't even know who Melvin is!
My tongue is STILL SWOLLEN!
The night before 6:00AM
I finished every assignment for the next 2 weeks
HAPPY 21st Don't party too hard!
9:00 AM
She must be out partying already!
RING! RING
3:00
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alumnus remembers social life

To the Editor:

The regularity of the appearance in your columns of complaints about the quality and quantity of social life at Hamilton induced me to believe that a review of the situation on the Hill 65 to 70 years ago might provide some perspective for your readers.

Our first daily social event was meeting all the other undergraduates at Compulsory Chapel at 8:00 a.m. (10:30 a.m. on Sundays).

There were also occasional non-athletic events, but we lacked the broad range of lectures, concerts, plays, art exhibits, movies, etc. now available.

There was no drinking age problem - drinking was illegal at any age. Possession of alcohol on the Hill (including the fraternity houses) was cause for suspension - and rarely occurred. Alcohol was abundant, however, at nearby (but beyond walking distance) "roadhouses" and at "speak-easies" in Utica. But its availability was limited by the rule that only seniors were allowed to have cars.

Of course, transportation between Clinton and Utica was provided by the trolley, but it did not run late at night.

The fraternities had two house parties a year, and there was usually a tea dance on one football weekend and a ball at Commencement time. Nearly all of the white Caucasians (and there were few others) belonged to fraternities, except for a few who could not afford it and perhaps a few others who were considered socially unacceptable.

Finally, there were no girls!

Yet, this experience nurtured an outstandingly loyal alumni body.

Mac Diggs
Class of 1933

The wonder that is Bon Appetit

To the Editor:

Once again the attitude of "Poor me! I am a Hamilton student" has surfaced in Joe Freeman's article "The Horror that is Bon Appetit" from February 13. Mr. Freeman complains that the food service serves "slop," that the quality of food is "shady," and he questions the "employees' commitment to service." To this end, I must share my thoughts which greatly contrast those of the "Big Man on Campus."

Why does Mr. Freeman not appreciate what Bon Appetit does offer to us? Compared to what I have witnessed at other schools and to the dining experiences of my freshman year at Hamilton, we presently have it very good here on the Hill. I cannot imagine what Mr. Freeman would have written in his article "The Horror that is Hallmark," the Food Service of three years ago. The difference between now and then is remarkable, and Bon Appetit deserves the credit for the many positive changes they have brought.

Let's be thankful that we have eggs to order, that we have such variety of options, that the dining halls are open all day long, and that, yes, in my opinion the food is good.

I understand that many of us have nocturnal lifestyles, but if you wake up at 1:30 p.m., you should not expect someone to make breakfast for you at 2 p.m. At that time, the meal we eat is called lunch, and it can be found only ten feet away from your would-be eggs. And to answer your question, Mr. Freeman, restaurants do not make eggs for their customers at 2 in the afternoon; this is too late for even Breakfast at Tiffany's.

Mr. Freeman claims that "there are also men and women in the dining halls who treat some students...as spoiled children." Imagine that! The lack of respect from many of their "customers" is appalling, embarrassing, and an overall disgrace. I know what it is like on the other side of that counter. As an employee at McEwen Dining Hall for two semesters, I got to know my fellow staff members as people who work for you, Mr. Freeman. Employees of Bon Appetit are some of the hardest working people on this campus, and they deserve YOUR respect. Due to first-hand experience, I can indeed say that some Hamilton students should be treated as the "spoiled children" they are.

It is time to appreciate the commitment, hard-work, and professionalism of the employees of Bon Appetit. After almost two feet of snow fell on the Hill, were you not served your breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m.? Did someone not clean up after you? People were there for you despite the bad weather conditions, Mr. Freeman, and they successfully accomplished their job for you. They continue to do so.

Mr. Freeman, instead of complaining, I suggest you go speak directly with Mr. Cappa and tell him yourself that you think the onions his company purchases need to be fresher and "more appetizing." I think he'll appreciate your sincere concern. He will appreciate such an action much more than your harsh words in the *Spectator*. I will too, as will your fellow Hamiltonians. I am sure that he and his employees will also appreciate a simple "Thank You." It is your attitude, Mr. Freeman, that contributes to your **perception** of the "dreary atmosphere of the Hill."

Oh, and one more thing, Mr. Freeman: Do you not want to eat Cheddar Goldfish with your salad? A simple solution: don't.

Brian Gallagher '98

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democrats endorse McCain-Feingold Bill

To the Editor:

The long-delayed debate on the bi-partisan campaign finance legislation sponsored by Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Russell Feingold (D-WI) began this Monday.

As of Wednesday, all forty-five Senate Democrats and seven Republicans supported the reform. Unfortunately, many conservative, right-wing Republicans in the Senate are planning to filibuster the reform bill next week. The McCain-Feingold bill would empower citizens by reducing the stranglehold special interests currently have on our elected officials.

It would also help level the playing field between incumbents and challengers, giving more Americans the opportunity to get involved in politics. The Hamilton College Democrats officially endorse the bi-partisan McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform bill.

The McCain-Feingold bill would end soft money, which is large unregulated contributions that are distributed to state and local political parties. The legislation would establish tough new restrictions of Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions. The bill also would provide free or reduced-cost television and radio time to candidates. It also reduces the incumbent's electoral advantage by banning free mailing privileges during election years.

President Clinton writes that this year, "we have an opportunity to come together across party lines to act and pass reform that cleans up the campaign finance system." February will be the time for members of the Senate to stand up and be counted for reform. The time is now for campaign reform; for the buying and selling of access to politicians has grown out of control. The Hamilton College Democrats encourage the college community to contact their respective Senators, and urge them to pass comprehensive campaign finance reform.

The Hamilton College Democrats

Avoiding a deceptive perspective

CHRIS MACHERA '00
SAYS WHO?

Last Thurday night, Peter Edelman gave a speech at the Chapel. The crux of his speech was that the economy is much worse off than we think. Low unemployment and inflation belie serious socio-economic problems. In a feudalistic sounding statistic, 35% of this country's money is in the hands of the richest 1% of the population. So the fact is that, despite our optimism, this country is in very poor shape economically. It is easy to be deceived into thinking that everything is going well.

This is a problem which pretty much sums up the attitude at Hamilton College. No, I am not saying that we are worse off economically than we are led to believe, but that we let cheery appearances gloss over problems which exist at the very bedrock of our campus and society.

Let's be honest, on the surface, there are not too many things to complain about here. The buildings are nice to look at, the cars are fun to drive, the faces are friendly, and everything seems fine. We know that we are getting a top notch education and the future is looking bright. If everything works out, we will simply leap up to that lucky 1% and everything will be fine. Right?

Well, it's true. Most of us have not had to deal with that much adversity, relatively speaking, and will not have to in the future if we follow the Yellow Brick Road. The daunting reality, though, is that there are a lot of problems out there, one in particular which has crept its way onto campus.

It is that word — racism. If you have not noticed the problem, you have been spending too much time looking at the admission's office diversity propaganda. Look around when you eat. Do you notice that white kids eat together and "everyone else" eats together. Whenever I am at Commons, I am always waiting for Rosa Parks to walk in and put her tray at a "white table," or vice versa. The only time I have ever seen a gathering of students at a school event whose racial makeup equalled that of the real world was at this Wednesday's presentation of "Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide ..." I am not a sociologist, so I would not know where to begin in explaining this precarious phenomenon, but everyone owes it to themselves to take a second and think about it.

It is really easily to be fooled by appearances. That statement is so true that it has become an overused cliche, but it's one you have to keep in mind. Just like it is really easy for people to look at robust economic figures and think everything is okay, it is really easy to let the gold tinted Hamilton sunglasses make everything sunny. A lot of us may never be forced to confront the problems that exist in this country and even on this campus. We will be able to speed through crumbling neighborhoods in our expensive cars and bypass the public school system by sending our kids to private school. The Wall Street Journal says everything is going well, so who are we to argue? It depends on who we want to be. You do not have to confront problems that do not directly concern you, but you should want to.

The Iron Curtain fell, so did its people

ADAM HOGAN '01
ONLY IN AMERICA

In 1991, the world celebrated the end of the Soviet Union and the creation of many new democratic nations in Eastern Europe. The hard-line regime of the Cold War was gone, paving the way for a New World order. To most people this seemed like one of the greatest things for the former Soviet Union and its people. We did not see, however the anarchy and chaos that would enter this region of the world. America was too blinded by our idea of capitalism being the perfect system to realize that with the end of Soviet communism came the beginning of massive despair.

After seeing Laurie Garrett's striking lecture this week, I was both shocked and enlightened. I would like to think that I keep in touch with current events, but I have heard nothing of the horrors she so vividly described. We, as Americans, have a tendency to shelter ourselves and those now existing around us from such awful situations, such as those in the former Soviet Union. This acts as a protection mechanism for us, but what does it do for those in need?

The most frightening fact the lecture brought to mind for me was that diseases I thought had been nearly eradicated are running rampant in this part of the world. Everyone is tested for diseases such as tuberculosis when they go to the doctor. I would not even consider worrying about a disease of this nature, as I am confident in Western society's methods to prevent and eradicate them. It scares me to think how much of modern medicine we as a society take for granted. Would it take much to help these people get on their feet?

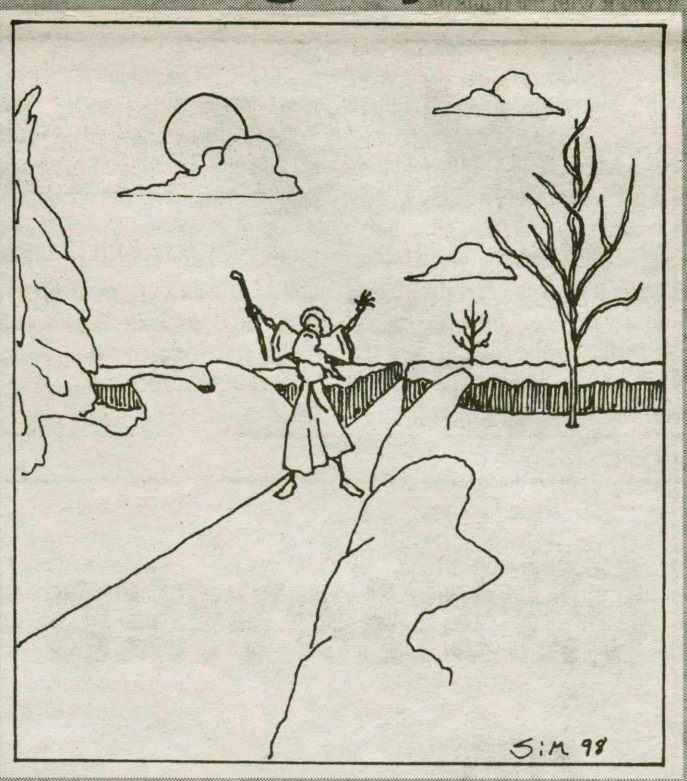
I almost feel it is partially the fault of the United States, and other anti-Communist nations for the current situation. The U.S. and its allies pushed for years to end the socialist government. Now that a form of democracy has begun, innocent people are forced to live in squalor without their basic needs. I am not saying that the U.S. is to blame for the despair and suffering now seen in Russia and the surrounding nations, but we certainly should take some responsibility. We rebuilt many other nations after defeating them in war, and the former Soviet Union should be no different.

Garrett mentioned that Soviet officials would forcefully discourage help from the West. Consequently, science, medicine and many other fields are now years behind the rest of the world. Soviet politics always called for quantity, not quality. This inhibits the former Soviet nations from making solid products to compete in the world market with the West. As a result, no capital is being earned, and industry cannot be develop. Without aid from developed nations, this situation will decline in these countries.

I sat through that lecture, watching the pictures of innocent children exposed to drugs and disease and thought about my own life. We sit here on this hill at one of the finest institutions of higher learning in the world, and often forget how lucky we are. Next time you are complaining about the mounds of work you have, you should actually be glad you do. I had large amounts of work to do the night of the lecture, and did not want to go. I am very glad I did, as it made my rethink my life and what I have. Maybe you should, too.

THE LEADING BRAND by Brandon Sim '99

With only 2 plows sometimes Physical Plant has to call in the big boys.



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Trials and tribulations

Aaron Healey '00
Thoughtless Philosopher

Recently , I became involved in the workings of the Honor Court here at Hamilton. It was an experience I hope never to have again. Though the outcome of the case with which I was involved was more than desirable, the process by which that decision came was not. After numerous discussions with people at all levels of the college about my case and the proceedings of the Honor Court, I came away unsure that what we are doing is right. We have a system that is supposed to "protect" students from false claims against them, and also protect the college from awarding undeserving students degrees or course credits. These are competing interests and can leave a student charged with an Honor Code violation feeling both uncertain about whose interests take priority. One of the most disturbing parts of the whole system is the protection we grant students found guilty of a violation, that we do not give students who have been acquitted.

Every student convicted of a violation has the right to an appeal. If an appeal is granted, although the circumstances for this are limited, the convicted student is allowed at least a partial re-hearing, or an extension of their previous hearing. The goal, of course, is to make absolutely certain that the decision made was both just and done with all the facts. Going back for an appeal costs the student nothing. This means that things cannot get any worse and therefore a student has nothing to lose, but everything to gain. Here is where the problem arises.

A student can submit new evidence in an appeal that might implicate another student. If, for example, you have a case where two students are charged with plagiarism and one is found guilty and the other is acquitted, the guilty student can appeal. In this student's appeal they can offer new evidence that the other student was actually the one that plagiarized. The student, who was previously acquitted, now finds him/herself faced with not only attending another hearing, but also the possibility that not only could the other student's conviction could be overturned and that their acquittal could be reversed. This is not the American criminal justice system and therefore the innocent, even after being proven innocent, can be tried and re-tried until either they graduate or are found guilty. Now that scenario is highly unlikely, but is possible under our current system. A full acquittal does not come until the end of the appeals process which, as I understand it, can be infinite, as long as the appeals board is satisfied that their criteria have been met in an appeal. If a student is charged alone and acquitted, it is also possible to revisit the case if new evidence appears later, for this is in the college's best interest.

We need to ensure that every student brought into this system is protected. Acquittals must become absolute, for a student can not be allowed to merely hold his/her breath until the system has run, what can be, an infinite course. There must disincentives against reckless appeals, that not only are irrelevant but harmful to other students. We need to create a standard set of punishments for different violations and actions during the process. Students need to know that lying in the Honor Court, or attempting to unfairly "scapegoat" another student will lead to a more severe punishment. Perhaps knowing, very explicitly, that these actions are unacceptable and probably detrimental, the student will, hopefully, prevent them. It is time that both administrators, students, and faculty look at the current Honor Court and Appeals Board process and see if we are really doing the right thing.

Good Bill Hunting

Jennifer Baker '00
Think About It

I don't think you have to know a lot about politics to know that there is something strange going on with the President. For the last several weeks, my *Time* magazine has been splattered with all sorts of tabloid coverage of what people are calling Lewinskygate. The name hearkens back to a certain previous president that resigned because of his conduct; conduct that the American people seemed to find unacceptable. I am surprised then, that the name Lewinskygate was hybridized in the first place. As the scandal unfolded there were very positive responses from the American people-in fact, Clinton's ratings have never been this high. It seems history's pendulum has swung back such that we are at an extremity of presidential tolerance opposite of that during Nixon's days.

This is somewhat troubling to me and also to those whom I have spoken to on the subject. Not only am I not sure how much or what aspects of Clinton's life have bearing on mine, but I also don't know what this level of acceptance says about the public opinion of the day. I think that in the nineties we have some things to be proud of—namely tolerance. As a society we have become much more open with ourselves in an increasingly accepting environment (for the most part). Yet I think this has had implications for what we understand as being appropriate in the public eye, and although that is ultimately a matter of personal opinion, there is a consensus that emerges inevitably. To me, there is a connection between what has happened in the media and what is happening to our president. I am specifically referring to the rise in the numbers of "confessional" shows, or talk shows as they are commonly called. Jerry Springer, Sally Jesse Raphael, and Montel Williams are among these shows that make a fortune by exposing the lives of "real people" and the more shocking those lives are, the higher the ratings. There is a correlation between the rising levels of public acceptance and the phenomenon that has become afternoon television: "I love my boyfriend even though he's a serial killer," and "She's my mother and she's a tramp" are examples of what I see as acceptance gone awry. Suddenly we need to know everything about people, nothing is left private. Another example is the show "Real Cops" where viewers get a glimpse of "what's really going on" in the police force and white-collar America. All of these shows take advantage of America's thirst for secrets and scandals. And a certain amount of this trash is fine, it almost needs to be there, but I'm not so sure that America's imperative for scandal should get its hooks into the president.

This is not to say that Clinton hasn't done anything wrong, or that we as a country shouldn't be apprised of it, but I think we should examine how much of this really matters, and how much of this is being used to keep magazines and TV-zines in business. I think that Clinton should not assume, or be forced to assume, the role of a celebrity, and I think the distinction between public official and celebrity needs to be more clearly delineated, especially when it comes to this type of situation. We expect to see magazine covers and television shows littered with celebrities with headlines about their love affairs. And I think we have come to expect celebrities and others to come on television to expose unbelievable acts they've done and beliefs they hold, but what I don't expect is to see our President in the same light. We should be able to judge Clinton as a president, not in the context of "he's my president and he's a tramp" or of a media icon, and he shouldn't be exploited like one. It's not a bad thing to be tolerant of people's lives, but when that tolerance turns into an overwhelming need to examine those lives, a problem results. In Clinton's case, our toleration of both the media's exploitation of people's lives and the meretricious nature of those lives has led to his becoming media-fied. Through the handling of the Lewisnky scandal we have begun see him not as a man who is making decisions for our country, but as another celebrity starlet, and I think that lowers our expectations of him. Not only that but it makes it more difficult for the public to take Clinton seriously as an authority figure and public official. We have already seen the implications of this overseas, where the foreign officials make remarks about Clinton's ability to pose a threat to Saddam Hussein.

Is it too much to ask the American public, to take Clinton out of a celebrity context and treat him like a president, even if he is a president at fault? I think the last thing we want our president to be is "Too Hot for TV."

Why do we have Black History Month?

Margo Anderson '00
Colored Girl

When I was little my teachers told me that Black History Month was a time to celebrate the achievements of African Americans in all facets of American life. In February, we were deluged by stories of heroism by Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, and Martin Luther King Jr. I saw pictures of civil rights marches and policemen spraying blacks with fire hoses. When I was younger I felt strange when Black History Month came around. It was one time of the year when everyone would look at me differently. Some children would look at me with awe as if I actually embodied the civil rights movement and the strong black leaders that came before me. During the movies we watched some children would feel embarrassed about white resistance to the movement. Some would not look at me at all, and others looked as if they felt sorry for me. This continued throughout Black History Month and every year that I attended Marblehead Elementary and Middle School.

In some ways, Black History has always been a strange month in my life. No one in my school was to blame. The problem is much bigger than my small school.

Maybe Black History Month seemed strange to all of us because the stories of triumphs and bravery by African Americans were only brought to the forefront of the students' educational experience for the shortest month in the year. Usually, we read the works of white authors who wrote novels, history books, and poems from their own perspective. But, for Black History Month we learned about Langston Hughes, Phillis Wheatley, read *A Dream Deferred*, and *A Raisin in the Sun*.

Maybe, if Black History and the histories of the Native Americans, Latinos, and Asians were integrated into curriculums throughout the year we would never have encountered the strange phenonemon called Black History Month.

If my history books had included the important contributions of all races throughout American History we would not need Black History Month. Black History Month provides a wonderful opportunity for whites to forget about other races and then pay them small tribute during the shortest month of the year.

Although I think Black History Month is a cop-out for racial and cultural diversity, it is certainly better than the past. Previously, there was only a Black History Day. Then there was Black History week and, finally, Black History Month. I don't think that we should stop there. All parts of American history are important to a balanced and accurate picture of the America's past. They all should get equal attention throughout the entire year.

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White House or Waffle House?

MATT DUBNO '01
A FIFTH OF FRESHMAN

The best waffle in the country is not to be found in Commons on Sunday morning. You won't find it at Denny's either. Rather, you can find it at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. For those of you wheo slept through the fourth grade, that's where Bill Clinton lives. He has demonstrated his remarkable ability to reverse his opinion on an issue in the past. Now, that waffle has reared its ugly head once again. Pass the syrup?

As most of you know, the United States, over the past two weeks, has had a whole lot of firepower aimed at Iraq, the main reason being that Saddam Hussein will not let inspectors into his 25 palaces to see if he's been cooking up some poison gas in there to launch at the Israelis.

This didn't sit well with the American government, who decided to flex the mighty military machine again. After all, this is the safety of Israel that's at stake, and Clinton would rather perform dental surgery on himself without Novocaine rather than upset them.

I must admit, I was pretty optimistic there for about a week. I really thought that our President had (as Monica Lewinsky might tell you) a real set of...well...you know. Turns out that I had put too much faith in a Democrat. Clinton held his finger on the trigger for an entire week without pulling it. Bowing to pressure from other nations, he let the U.N. secretary-general pop over to Baghdad to try to make a deal with Saddam. Something seems to escape me here. Making a deal, as I learned from watching Monty Hall as a 3-year-old while watching Monty Hall, involves having something good, and trading it for something better (or, of course, you could go for what's in the box and end up with a ten-foot stuffed animal).

Why should we concede anything to the Iraqis? I mean, check out their record since we blew them to Hell and back once. Instead of learning their lesson the first time, they start manufacturing weapons of mass destruction, and then fail to follow the terms of the cease-fire by letting buildings be inspected. For an entire two months they played the stubborn mule. And now we think they've just given in, just like that? Please.

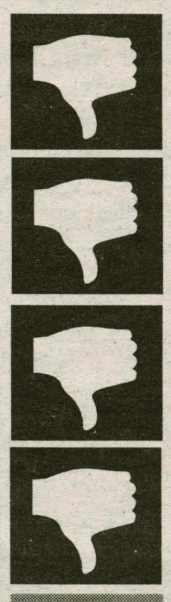
Now, who comes out the winner in this deal? Well, certainly Saddam Hussein. He has been given two months of what is basically free time to do whatever he wants in those palaces, and he's not entertaining interns in there, he's making chemical weapons. He's spared from having to hide in his bunker as American missiles rain down on him. This is certainly an unfortunate turn of events. Of course we don't want to harm Saddam Hussein. Perhaps he and Kofi Annan might share the Nobel Peace Prize. Am I the only one who finds this ridiculous?

Bill Clinton wins too! Isn't that wonderful? He killed two birds with one stone. Nobody much cares about Intern-gate anymore, except for maybe Kenneth Starr. Clinton looks like the Great Negotiator now, when in reality all he did was some major saber-rattling. This entire episode is quite dismaying. The President of the United States, the Chief Executive, the person that 250 million Americans trust to do the right thing-had an extramarital affair. THREE times! It's wonderful how liberal America has let common decency and family values go right down the drain.

Who loses? Well, nobody really loses at first perusal of the situation. War has been avoided, everybody's happy. But this goes deeper than mere face value. What has been lost is the ability for America to stand up for freedom, democracy, and justice. Bill Clinton has used America as a cheap whore once too many times. Our values have been compromised to the utmost extent of the word. We have just let the most repressive dictator since Adolf Hitler hoodwink the entire world. Let this be a lesson when Saddam Hussein launches his chemical arsenal that he's hiding. Let the world know that American virtues are not something to be bent to accommodate a despot ruler of a tin-pot nation. Let America firmly reassert its place at the top of the pile as a country that does not negotiate with terrorists.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

By "Serge Skyway" & "Trylana Lane"



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MOVIES IN REVIEW

Palmetto

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COURTESY HOYT'S SANGERTOWN 8
SANGERTOWN SQUARE MALL

BY KATHY HESS '99
A&E WRITER

I have had states of unconsciousness that were more fascinating than this movie. Apparently the film is based on the book, *Just Another Sucker*, by James Hadley Chase, a British author who likes to write unpopular mystery stories set in Florida. This story takes place in Palmetto. That is supposed to be significant, but it isn't. Nothing in this film is significant. There are four things that are interesting in this movie, and they aren't worth suffering through the whole two hours and five minutes for.

The first problem has to do with complicated plot lines. The movie is about Harry Barber (look, a clever pun!), who ironically is not hairy, hairless, interested in hair, and does not have any occupation that involves hair. He has spent two years in jail because he is a reporter who uncovered some sort of corruption, and was framed. Harry is released because someone else is pinned with the crime that was pinned on him. Harry decides that he wants to go anywhere but Palmetto, the corrupt town. That is, until he meets his girlfriend Nina, a scrap metal artist. Nina meets him in the street and licks his shoulder. We then jump to Nina's house in Palmetto, where Harry has decided to live. That was one powerful lick. Harry doesn't even care about Nina, yet, he is willing to move back to a town where he was framed and put into jail for two years just because of one wet lick.

COURTESY CASTLE ROCK

The entire movie makes assumptions about certain behaviors. Harry meets the femme fatale, Rhea Malroux, and we immediately are supposed to assume that he is powerless to refuse her anything. She wants him to help her fake the kidnapping of Odette Malroux, the daughter of her rich husband. All it takes is sex to convince Harry that this is a very wise decision. Every woman in this film acts like she were shot with hormones before each scene. Harry isn't shot with hormones, instead he is shot with stupidity.

Anyway, there are all sorts of mix-ups, and identity mix-ups, the kidnapping, a murder, all of it implausible, and the movie is so complicated that it is at best uninteresting. There are few reasons or explanations for any of the character's actions, and when there are, they often contradict other actions.

The technical aspects of the movie are just weird. The director has a very complicated plot, which is driven by dialogue more than action. The music, and Florida's own natural sounds are louder than the voices of the characters, so you can't hear what is going on half the time. The movie is then made challenging not only by plot, but by trying to hear the plot.

Harry Barber is played by Woody Harrelson (*The People vs. Larry Flynt, Natural Born Killers*, Woody Boyd on *Cheers*). Usually a good actor, he reads his lines like they are on a TelePrompTer, or like he is doing a bad impression of Mulder on the X-Files. Elizabeth Shue (*Leaving Las Vegas, The Saint, Adventures in Baby-sitting*) is not believable as a woman that a man would throw his life away for. Partially this is because she only offers sex, and Harry Barber has plenty of women to have sex with. Part of the reason is that she has NO motive for making a man throw his life away, you learn nothing about who she is, or what she is thinking. On top of that, Shue reads her lines terribly. Maybe part of it is an attempt to create that kind of 50's "cool" banter between the characters, which just doesn't work with these actors.

Michael Rappaport (*Higher Learning, Romeo + Juliet*) has a small role in the movie as Mr. Malroux's bodyguard. He is cool and cocky. Chloe Sevigny (*Kids*) is also good as Odette, the spoiled child who is being kidnapped.

Two minor performances won't save a bad movie though. The only other point of interest is the credits at the end, not only because they are a relief after the movie, but also because they begin in a creative way, but even that grows old, and they go to traditional credits after the first couple names. The film is just no fun at all.

Acoustic Coffeehouse presents The Push Stars

BY JIM O'SHAUGHNESSY '00
A&E EDITOR

The Push Stars are coming to the Events Barn this Thursday, March 5, at 8 p.m. The group's recent signing with Capitol Records gives the band a huge boost, expectantly, their momentum should liven up the Events Barn. The show is part of the Acoustic Coffeehouse series sponsored by the Student Assembly.

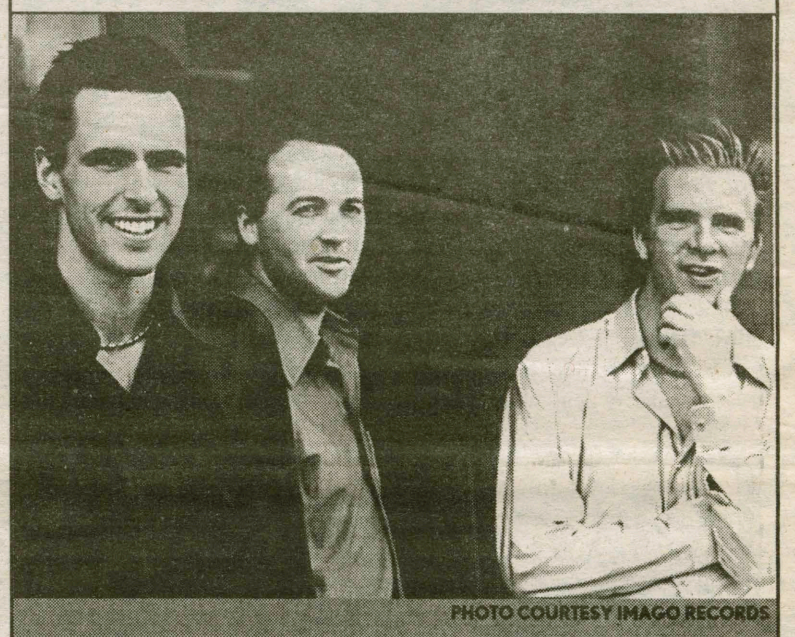
Their music is characterized by a familiar Boston sound. Now associated with such bands as The Lemonheads, Dinosaur Jr., Buffalo Tom, and other back bay stars, the trio is hoping to find success with their debut album, "Meet Me at the Fair".

Last year, notable recognition came to The Push Stars who were named "Best Unsigned Band in America" by Radio & Records Magazine. Boston Magazine has helped the trio's reputation around the New England area, honoring them in the annual Best of Boston issue as "Best Rock Upstart". Their debut album won last year's Boston Music Award's "Outstanding Debut CD". Clearly, the group tours with a fresh confidence, fueled by consistent support and recognition. Both fans and critics agree "The Push Stars are easy to appreciate." They are humble and talented, a combination that seems to be a rarity in the music business.

Buffalonative, Songwriter/ Vocalist/ Guitarist Chris Trapper writes most of the music and lyrics for The Push Stars. His words express a very personal view of life, while at the same time adressing many broad issues. Trapper's universal style has been likened to music of Adam Duritz (Counting Crows) and even Beck. Quite a group of talented young singer/ songwriters.

The band began when Drummer Ryan MacMillan paired up with Trapper at Boston's famed Middle East Club in 1994. Next, Bassist Dan McLoughlin came to the group, recognized by his earlier work with Dinosaur Jr. and Buffalo Tom. The trio fit comfortably into Boston's young rock band melting pot, the scene of many up-and-coming singer/ songwriter rock bands. Apparently that good ole New England flavor, simplicity and good taste, has brought another band into the spotlight.

Again, that's Thursday, March 5 in the Events Barn. There will be FREE Cafe Opus coffee and enough cheesecake to kill Mighty Mouse. The cheescake will be sold to benefit Alternative Spring Break.



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By The Nothing '00
A&E Shaman

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)
Windows are sometimes made unclear by your steamy breath. Take your time inhaling and exhaling, it will help you focus. Go down town and shovel out some old lady's driveway. Your lucky past time is: abusing sacraments.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
You have been falling a lot, am I right. Make funny faces at everyone you walk by, but be cautious of every step you take. Soggy buttocks make the rest of your body cold. Your best maneuver is: a back flip

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
If you have brown hair, stay out of dark places. Blondes, listen to music, it will make you feel better. Red heads, dye your hair blonde. Your lucky position is: missionary

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
Taurus, go to the mall and buy stuff, I mean anything you see. Run around and jump in the wet snow. It is your week, fun fun fun. Your favorite meat is: salisbury steak.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
Talk to yourself, you do know that you have a split personality. Stay inside and watch people enjoy themselves, but don't cry, just stare. Your best bet: the spotted one.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
Line your shoes with plastic bags. You can steal them from the dining hall, just dump the bread out of the full bags. Cold feet don't mix with wet bread. Your lucky era is: Cenozoic

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
Things are great, friends, lovers, and animals are feeling your power. Climb a couple telephone poles and jump into a huge snow pile. Find a Pisces and wish them a very happy birthday. Your habit is: drooling a puddle on your pillow case.

Virgo
(August 24-September 23)
Don't use other people's needles, and don't swallow unmarked pills... no matter how yummy they look. Your favorite phenomenon is: spontaneous combustion or dream paralysis.

Libra
(September 24-October 23)
Hey Libra, how are things? I know, I know. Keep your chin up kid. Practice handstands, juggling, and pool. Your favorite memory is: being potty trained.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)
Don't despair, things always get better. But, then again, since the world works in cycles, life will eventually be terrible again. Your favorite movie should be: The Dark Crystal

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)
Your brain may be slowly sinking into your spine. Start working out so you can lift it back up, or else you are destined to a life as a circus freak and/or a talk show guest. Your lucky place is: so far away, you have to wait until Spring Break.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
Capricorn, are you a virgin still? Well, I'm proud of you, so many people nowadays just get around so much they start to smell like Commons after a grease fire. Keep the faith. Your lucky injury is: deep, stinging paper cuts.

Color Co. astonishes audience
Group to perform again Sunday

By Margo Anderson '00
Staff Writer

"For colored girls... who have considered suicide/ when the rainbow is enuf" heated up a cold and snowy Hamilton, on Wednesday night. The play by Ntozke Shange chronicles the lives of seven women. They undergo a metamorphosis from people who center their lives around men, to women who find happiness within themselves. On their pilgrimage they encounter rape, betrayal, abortion, dependency and economic hardship, but find self-worth by sharing their experiences with each other.

The director, Jacque Tara Washington, accentuated the playwright's words by incorporating moving jazz songs by artists such as, Nina Simone, Miles Davis, Marvin Gaye, Duke Ellington, and Chuck Berry. Washington also brought out the best in the actresses, who all received a standing ovation. Carin Wimbley '98 played red. She acted with sass and sensuality as we watched her seduce a helpless man. Yellow played by Veronica Allen '01 wowed the audience with her energetic and hilarious portrayal of her high school graduation and first sexual encounter. Brown played by Nadia Sangster '00 set the tone for the play. Her first monologue in the play discusses the many problems facing women. Orange was played by Laura Luna '01 who lit up the stage with her rhythmic dancing and singing. Ruth Gardener '99 brought magic to the stage as Green. The audience loved her poignant yet laughable account of life in Harlem. Cara Nahor '00 played Purple, a woman with a cheating boyfriend and lying best friends. Adinah Bradberry '01 played Blue. Her accurate portrayl of a young woman having an abortion moved the audience. The idea of the play was developed by Color Co., a new theatre group on campus, who work to add variety to the arts at Hamilton by focusing on works written by black authors.

Although the play was written by an African American for an American American cast, the issues that the playwright raises are universal. If you missed the debut of "colored girls", it is showing again on Sunday, March 1st, at 2p.m and 7 p.m in the Events Barn. SEE IT!!!

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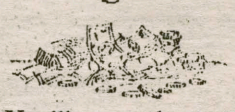
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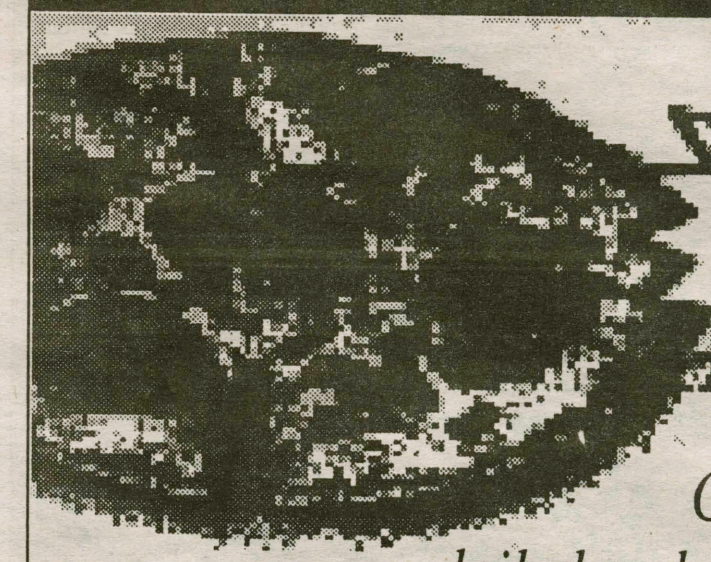
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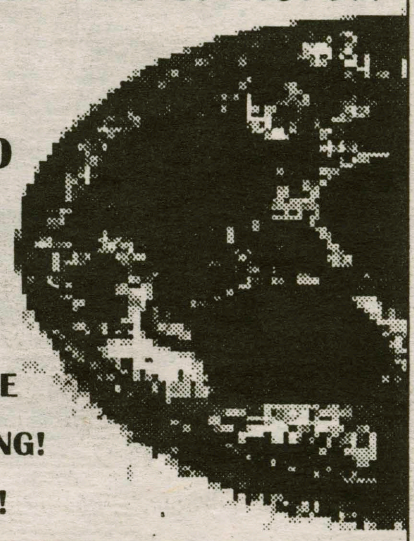

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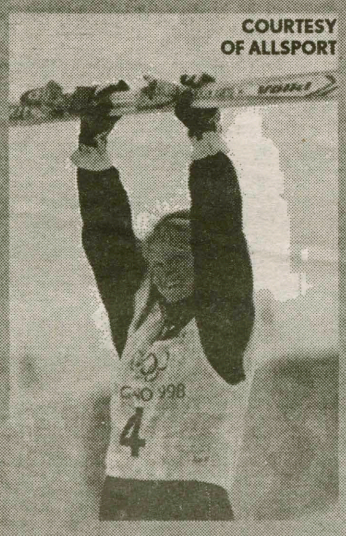
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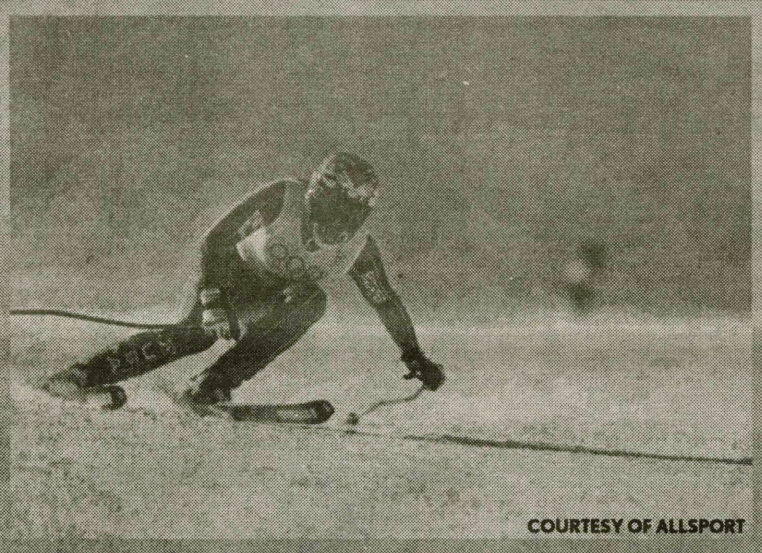
Above Left: Tara Lapinski finishes her gold medal performance in figure skating.
Above Center: Stone and Bergoust celebrate after winning aerial gold.
Right: Jonny Mosley during his flawless run.
Far Right: Bergoust in the freestyle aerial ski event.
Left: Stone celebrates after winning the women's freestyle aerial event.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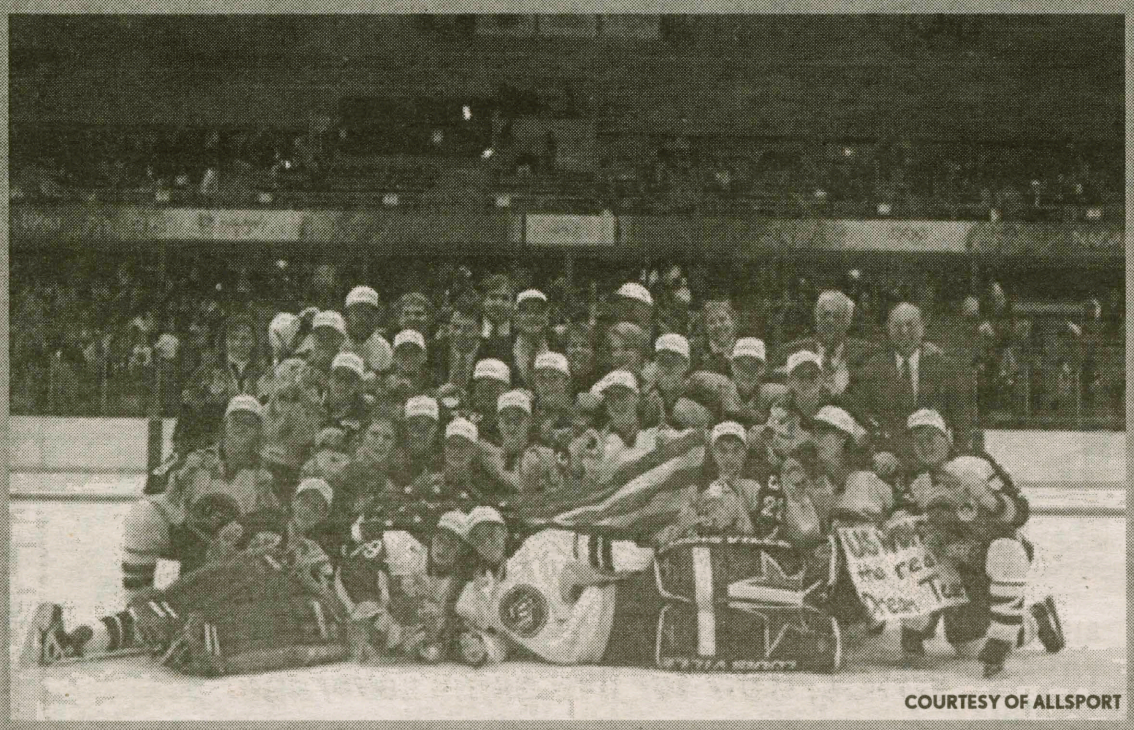
Above Left : Picabo Street races to unexpected gold in the Super G.
Above Left: Jonny Mosley after his perfect run in the freestyle mogul event in Nagano.
Left: The U.S. Women's Hockey Team shows off their gold medals.
Below: The U.S. Women's Hockey Team was picture perfect in the Olympic games.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5- Canada	6	5	4	15
6- USA	6	3	4	13
7- Finland	2	4	6	12
8- Netherlands	5	4	2	11
9- Japan	5	1	4	10
9- Italy	2	6	2	10
11- France	2	1	5	8
11- China	0	6	2	8
13- Switzerland	2	2	3	7
14- Korea	3	1	2	6
15- Czech Republic	1	1	1	3
15- Sweden	0	2	1	3
17- Belarus	0	0	2	2
17- Kazakhstan	0	0	2	2
19- Bulgaria	1	0	0	1
19- Denmark	0	1	0	1
19- Ukraine	0	1	0	1
19- Australia	0	0	1	1
19- Belgium	0	0	1	1
19- Great Britain	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	69	68	68	205

Continentals to host playoffs in Sage Rink

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led, fooling Davey to give Holy Cross the game. "The puck was heading for my chest and then dipped about ten feet away," said Davey, "I've never seen anything like it." Despite picking up the loss, Davey was stellar in net making 33 saves.

After losing on a fluke goal, and the chance of a #1 seed gone, Hamilton headed to Connecticut to take on Conn. College. Tied with Conn., Hamilton needed a win or a tie and the help of a Salem St. loss to earn a home play-off bid. It looked however, as if the Continentals were in no need of help.

Picking up goals from linemates Chris Baudo '00, Rob Rigg '99, and Trevor MacArthur '00, Hamilton led 3-1 in the third and looked to be cruising to a much needed win. That was until defensive breakdowns led to two Camel goals and a tie game late in the third.

Dominating the game throughout, the two Conn. College goals seemed to take the wind out of the Continentals sails as neither team could muster any offense and the game ended with the score knotted at three.

Luckily for Hamilton, they did get some help, as Salem St. lost to Trinity and Middlebury and Williams bowed out of the tournament in hopes of an NCAA bid (NESCAC rules only allow teams to play in one tournament) giving the Continentals a number three seed and a home game in the play-offs.

Hamilton's quarter-final opponent in the tournament will be Colby. Colby is a team Hamilton has already faced, and beaten (5-0 in the season opener), this season. Davey was quick to point out that the team was not taking Colby lightly however. "They're a much better team then they were earlier this season. We're going to be more cautious this time. Especially after what they did to us last year in the tournament." What Colby did last year, was hand Hamilton a 10-1 beating the the semi-finals of last years' ECAC tournament.

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> **-Brent Davey '00**

Regardless of what happened earlier this season or what happened last year, Hamilton is primed and ready for play-off hockey.

They have been playing great physical hockey for the second half of the season and their goaltender is playing well. These factors contribute to a winning hockey team.

Men's hoops to clinch NCAA bid

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"It was an excellent game," said Thorpe. "We came out with a good plan. We knew they had two big guys and we wanted to get the ball to Mike and Jon to get their big guys in foul trouble. Mike and Jon dominated, and their big guys picked up early fouls. Jon was unstoppable, and Mike played like he always does."

The Continentals managed to win two of three road games last week which will help when the NCAA Selection Committee looks at strength of schedule. The two late road wins will be impressive. "It was hard riding a long time on the buses and not getting a lot of sleep," said Schmiegel. "We played back to back games in Maine, and I think that showed against Bowdoin. We came out sluggish and didn't start to click until late in the second half."

The Williams game will definitely be one of the best games of the season. The Ephs are on the same level as other powerhouse clubs that the Continentals have faced this season like St. Lawrence, Amherst, Tufts, and Connecticut College.

"I'm happy with our kids," said Murphy, "Each player has made improvements and of course the whole team has improved and is playing with more intensity. It will take a great effort to beat Williams, but hopefully we can show up and prove that we are the better team."

The home crowd will provide a decisive advantage this weekend for the Continentals. The infamous "Dog Pound" will be out in full force to make sure Williams gets the same treatment that St. Lawrence and other teams have had to endure when they step onto the floor at the Bundy Scott Field House.

Jay Newmark, a four year veteran of the 'Dog Pound,' explained, "Everyone should come out on Saturday because we are going out in style."

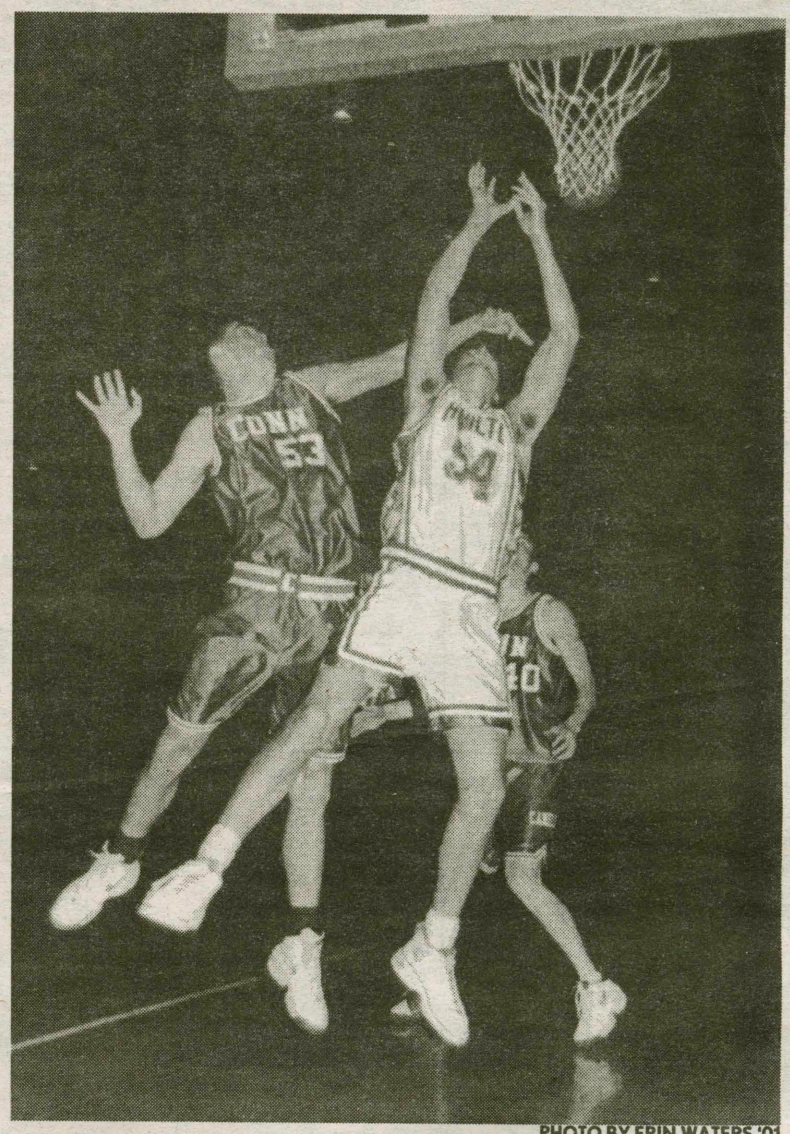
The Continental players admit that the rowdy fans have are a big factor at home games. "Our fans, especially the "Dog Pound," have been very supportive this season," said Driggs. "I'm sure they will be out in full affect on Saturday. Hopefully if we play well we will get a home game in the NCAA Tournament"

Thorpe added, 'The Dog Pound' has a big impact when the game comes down to the last two minutes. They really get on the opposing team and it gives us a huge advantage. They are a big part of school spirit here. I expect them to be wearing their costumes and as out of control as they always are."

The Continentals are focused and ready to take on nationally ranked Williams at 3 pm on Saturday. Hamilton has the talent to win the game, but must open strongly and get the ball inside to Schantz and Schmiegel. They will also need to rely on the talent of Thorpe and Stroman. But if the Continentals are to be victorious this weekend, they will need to limit their turnovers.

If the Continentals turn the ball over a lot, Williams will capitalize off these mistakes and take full advantage. The Continentals will beat Williams and continue their playoff drive next week against another richly talented opponent.

And may the "Dogs" continue to bark.



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Jon Schmeigel '99 works up a sweat.

Intramural Sports '98

Hockey*

"A" League

	Record	PTS	GF	GA
The New Order	7-1-0	14	46	26
Sabotage	5-3-0	10	44	27
Alpha Delta Phi	3-4-1	7	20	33
Team Zero	2-5-1	5	15	23
Stange Brew	2-6-0	4	24	40

"B" League

	Record	PTS	GF	GA
Jurassic Pucks	9-1-0	18	30	19
Team Hard Core	7-2-1	15	57	27
Ice Pirates	7-3-0	14	41	26
The Ice Holes	4-6-0	8	25	37
Team TKE & the Crackheads	1-8-1	3	16	40
Castrovinci's Team	1-9-0	2	25	45

*Scores as of 2/28/98

Get ready for Saturday Madness!

Men's Basketball plays their last game of the regular season against Williams at 3 pm.

Men's Swimming finishes up state competition in the Hamilton pool. Check the pool for a schedule of times.

Women's Hockey faces the Panthers of Middlebury at 3 pm in the Sage Rink.

Men's Hockey hosts Colby in the ECAC quaterfinals at 7:30 pm. Tune into WHCL, 88.7 for live game coverage.

This Week In Hamilton Sports

	Men's Hoops	Women's Hoops	Men's Hockey	Women's Hockey	Men's Squash	Women's Squash	Indoor Track & Field	Swimming
Fri. Feb 27							NYSCTC Championships @ Union 3 pm	Men's Swimming UNYSCSA Meet
Sat. Feb 28	Williams 3 pm	Williams 3 pm	ECAC vs. Colby 7:30 pm	Middlebury 3 pm				
Sun. Mar 1				Vermont 1 pm				
Mon. Mar 2								
Tues. Mar 3								
Wed. Mar 4								
Thur. Mar 5								
Fri. Mar 6								

Indicates Home Game | Indicates Away Game

Beat the Experts

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Specially Selected Sporting Events	Elliot Nix *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 6-5 To date: 34-22	Jason Santaxangelo *Sports Editor* Last Week: 6-5 To date: 34-22	Ringel Dingel *Associate Sports Editor* Last Week: 8-3 To date: 41-15	Jay Newmark Senior *Guest #9* Last Week's Guest: Michael Maslyn 5-6	Matt Miller Junior *Guest #10* Last Week's Guest: Dave Bolger 6-5
NHL					
Detroit at Pheonix 3/2	Coyotes	Red Wings	Red Wings	Red Wings	Red Wings
Philadelphia at New Jersey 3/2	Devils	Devils	Devils	Devils	Devils
Toronto at Pittsburgh 3/2	Penguins	Peguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins
Edmonton at Colorado 3/2	Avalanche	Avalanche	Avalanche	Avalanche	Avalanche
NBA					
Orlando at Charlotte 2/28	Hornets	Magic	Hornets	Hornets	Magic
Philadelphia at San Antonio 2/28	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs
Denver at Indiana 3/1	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers
Utah at Houston 3/1	Jazz	Jazz	Jazz	Rockets	Rockets
College Basketball					
Stanford at Arizona 2/28	Wildcats	Wildcats	Wildcats	Wildcats	Wildcats
UNC at Duke 2/28	Blue Devils	Blue Devils	Blue Devils	Blue Devils	Blue Devils
Wisconsin at Michigan 2/28	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines
Auburn at Mississippi 2/28	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator.* Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Changing the Game

Jason Santarcangelo
From The Front Office

What's all the fuss about?

It has a story book ending...Nykesha Sales, the University of Connecticut Women's Basketball team's guard, was poised to become the team's all-time leading scorer when tragedy struck.

Sales was two points shy of the UCONN scoring record when she ruptured her right achilles' tendon in the second-to-last game of the season. The injury was sure to end her career and her shot at becoming the school's top scorer.

But in a sport needing attention to continue its growth, UCONN Coach Geno Auriemma dreamed up a plan to let his number one all-time player to set the scoring record.

In a game against the Villanova Wildcats, Sales waited underneath the UCONN hoop awaiting a pass from her teammates where, uncontested she would dump the ball into the bucket and take her rightful place atop the UCONN scoring list. The Wildcats were then allowed to knot the game at two with a freebie of their own before the teams went to war.

Sales, allowed to take an uncontested layup for her 2,177th and 2,178th points, eclipsed the school record set by Kerry Bascom from 1987-91. What makes the media's bias seem unjust, was the fact Bascom signed off on the idea, and it was a school record, not a league or NCAA record.

The Huskies eventually won the game without their injured star in overtime before members of the media were able to jump all over the incident.

The story got some real meat when Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese, who approved the staged shot for the start of the Connecticut-Villanova game Tuesday night, conceded to the New York Daily News that he would never have approved similar play in men's basketball.

"It's a women's sport; this was a female player," Tranghese told the New York Daily News. "I am a man. I am not going to pretend to handle decisions on (men and women) exactly the same way."

When ESPN's women's basketball analyst Jay Bilas ripped into Auriemma for dreaming up the play and allowing it happen by calling it "flat out wrong," I knew it was time to defend the coach.

While it appears as if a majority of major media members have supported Tranghese and Bilas, public support for Sales has been outstanding.

In an Internet survey on ESPN SportsZone, about 60 percent of the more than 33,000 respondents supported the move.

Today, I must throw my hat in the minority pool of media members and support Auriemma's class-act. Auriemma did not act in haste or irrationally. He and Sales did not dishonor the game.

Simply put, the Huskies rightfully supported one of their own. Congratulations, Nykesha, you earned this one.

Raising the Standard.

Free agency has changed the face of sports forever, no one can or should argue that the games they once loved have not been drastically altered. Free agency has caused salaries in all sport to skyrocket.

The National Hockey League was arguably lagging behind the other three (MLB, NFL, NBA) until the Carolina Hurricanes raised the bar this week. The Hurricanes, once the Whalers, left the state of Connecticut and Hartford behind for luxury boxes, television contracts and the warmer weather of North Carolina.

Their plan has backfired as the masses that were supposed to fill their temporary home in the Greensboro Coliseum has stayed away. Trying to rejuvenate their attendance and record, the Hurricanes signed disgruntled Detroit Red Wing Sergei Fedorov to a $38 million, six-year offer sheet that was matched by the Wings late Thursday afternoon.

The problem is not the money involved in the contract, but the language and the $12 million bonus that Fedorov is to receive if his team reaches the conference finals. What's the big deal?

The Red Wings are trying to defend Lord Stanley's Cup and have a very realistic shot at reaching the conference finals. On the other hand, the Hurricanes are eight games below .500 and if the playoffs started today would find themselves on the golf course.

The Red Wings who from the start had promised any team in the league they would make any offer made to Fedorov had asked the NHL to void the deal made between the Hurricanes and their Russian star.

Just one hour after arbitrator John Sands ruled that Carolina's offer sheet did not violate the league's collective bargaining agreement, the Wings inked their star.

The NHL had challenged the deal because it offered Fedorov a $12 million bonus if his team reaches the conference finals this year. In addition to a $2 million salary, the deal also would give Fedorov a $14 million signing bonus. Fedorov's salary for twenty-five games plus playoffs (where he eligible for more money) would be a mere $28 million.

"The total amount is certainly in line with the top players in hockey," Red Wings general manager Ken Holland said. "The difficult part is the up-front money. But if you look at the (total), it's not really out of line with the top players in the league."

This contract has changed the rules of free agency. Teams can now front load contracts with signing bonuses and incentives that when carefully constructed, dance atop the collective bargaining agreement.

This could ultimately force small market teams to ink their prospects to multi-year deals before they can demand top dollar. But do not hold your breath waiting for agents and their players to buy into the small market (or should I say poor attendance) teams.

The Spectator Athlete of the Week

By LD Platt '01

SPORTS WRITER

When the swim season started nobody expected much from the girl's team, but Lisa Horner thought otherwise. She knew that she was going into her last year and she had to give this season her all.

Lisa, a senior swimmer, from Piedmont, California, has no regrets after her last year of competitive college swimming. Since the beginning of the season, Lisa has been gaining strength and improving her technique.

All of this hard work culminated in a record-breaking performance in the 200-yard breaststroke at the state championship. The old record of 2.30.12 that was previously held by Patricia Wojick was broken by .13 improving the standard to 2.29.99.

Lisa understood that her team did not have much experience going into the season, but she knew she had to set an example for the young team. Lisa improved her time in the 200 yard breaststroke by 2.5 seconds from the beginning of the year and she is extremely pleased.

Lisa said of the record breaking performance, "I have been swimming competitively for 11 years and this is by far my most exciting moment." In addition to the 200 yard breaststroke, Lisa also competed in the 100 yard breaststroke, the 200 medley relay and the 400 medley relay this season.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Lisa is all smiles after her record breaking season.

The women's team headed to states, hoping to do well and Lisa anchored the team to a 2nd place finish in the state championships. This was quite an impressive achievement considering the obstacles facing the team.

One such obstacle was the inexperience of the team with 10 freshmen, 5 sophomores, 2 juniors, and 4 seniors. Also, the team got off to a shaky start. However, led by their captain Lisa Horner they were able to overcome these adversities and finish the season strong.

The tricky part about states is that, as Lisa said, "A team could go undefeated and go into states and not win anything. That is the good part about states everybody has clean slates and can make up for their season."

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This held true for the Hamilton women who struggled in the regular season, but made up for it in the states. In states, the majority of competition is individual and because of this, Lisa wanted to try to make nationals, but she fell a little short.

This, however, did not ruin her otherwise perfect season and as she said, "Of course I was disappointed, but overall I was pleased with my performance throughout the entire season." The women placed second overall in the state tournament which was a pleasant surprise to Horner and the rest of the team who struggled this year. In addition to swimming, Lisa is a dedicated student, majoring in creative writing. Horner hopes to work for a publishing company after graduating this May.

When asked about how swimming prepared her for life after college, she responded, "It forced me to do three things with my life. The first was to dedicate myself. Swimming in college is hard and dedication is something I needed in swimming and will need in life. It also taught me to organize my time and life. Lastly, it taught me to perservere because I realized that at every meet you cannot always have your best time or win"

Lisa has left a lasting impression not only in the swimming pool at Hamilton, but also to all the people that think about competing. She has shown many prospective students and swimmers what sportsmanship really is.

Horner has showed the entire Hamilton community that through dedication and hard work a person can accomplish anything they put their mind to.

Women's hoops go 3-20

By Frank Vinci '01

SPORTS WRITER

Wins are nonexistant for the Women's Continental basketball as the team nears the end of its season. The Lady Continentals seemed to have a chance at winning the game against Colby. They went into the half leading 31-25 after shooting a respectable 52% from the floor. However as the second half began, Colby opened up with a full court press that gave the Hamilton offense difficulties. The press led to 10 costly Hamilton turnovers and a 22-6 run for Colby. The turnovers proved to be too costly as the Continentals lost 71-59. Ashley Merriman '98 led Hamilton with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

Bowdoin showed Hamilton their second loss in as many days, but not after sweating out a great game by the Continentals. After a close first half which had Bowdoin leading by three 28-25, Hamilton exploded at the beginning of the second half. A 19-11 run by the Lady Continentals gave them a 5 point lead 44-39. It seemed at this point that they were well onto their way for winning number 4 on the season. Bowdoin had a different idea as they had a run themselves, scoring the next 19 points of the game gaining a 54-44 lead. They never looked back from that point on as they cruised to a 68-61 win. Jen Moran '99 scored 13 points while Merriman poured in 13 points and grabbed 17 boards. Sabrina Valenta '00 had a double recording 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Continentals opened their game with Middlebury with a 5-2 early lead and total momentum on their side. However, after a Middlebury time-out, things quickly changed. Middlebury went on a 15-0 run which showed a score change of 17-5. The lead never changed hands after that point. Hamilton pulled in ten points early in the second half, 54-44, but Middlebury was just not going to give in. The largest difference this game was the amount of free-throws made by Middlebury. They converted many important shots from the line throughout the game. The loss, 87-67, brings Hamilton's record to 3-20. For the third straight game, Merriman led the way with 23 points and 10 boards. Kim Herrig '98 also had a strong game pouring in 17 points and grabbing 3 rebounds.

Coach Diehl has positive thoughts for her young team, noting the closeness of recent games "The last five games we have lost have all been by less than 10 points." Diehl adds "The team played well against Middlebury but couldn't pull it out. Colby and Bowdoin were tough as well. We have lost Sabrina Valenta and Abby McDermott for the season because of injuries." The season can be summed up in one sentence: losses and injuries have given the young coach nightmares this winter season.

Women's hockey loses two more

By Elizabeth Crispino '01

SPORTS WRITER

Over the weekend, the Hamilton Women's Hockey team faced two tough competitors: Bowdoin and the University of Maine. They played Bowdoin on Saturday, succumbing 7-2. Lauren Spoon '01 had one goal and an assist, Megan Stasz '01 had a goal, and Alexa Slaunwhite '00 added an assist.

Coach Sue Tullock comments, "We played great in the first and second periods. Behind 3-2 at the end of the second period, we were in a good position to comeback. We just lost it in the third period."

The Continentals clearly had the puck in their opponents' zone the entire time, but had difficulty taking shots on net, and were caught up passing the puck.

Bowdoin did a good job keeping the offense out in the perimeter, which also contributed to the lack of quality shots throughout the game.

"We let down in the third period, and Bowdoin was able to put a few goals in, gaining back their confidence. They were able to domiante the third period as a result of that," added Tullock.

The following day, Hamilton played against the University of Maine, falling 4-2. Stacy Tysinski '99 had a goal and an assist while linemate Amy Williams '99 also had a goal and an assist. Both Deb Elvin '00 and Cristin Engster '01 chipped in with an assist each.

First-year goaltender Victoria Hayes played an excellent game, making 30 saves. The team, tired from the previous day's game, did not play up to their potential. They unable to score until the third period, despite Maine leading 2-0 at the end of the second period. Coach Tullock said, "The team was not able to get any good shots off, and were lacking the speed necessary. They were hesitating with the puck."

In the third period, after Maine scored a few seconds into the period, Hamilton was able to pick up the pace and come back with two goals. Tullock adds, "The penalties in this game killed us. It was a physical game, but a couple of the penalties were stupid, avoidable ones."

Hamilton ends its season this weekend, with rematches against Middlebury on Saturday (3pm) and the University of Vermont on Sunday (1pm). Middlebury is currently ranked number one in the division.

Coach Tullock states: "The players have definitely improved in the last couple of weeks. They're playing as a team and not as individuals. However, we have some weaknesses, including the quality of our shots on net, which has hurt us in the really close games. The team puts in the effort, and it shows as they are playing the best that they have all year."

Sunday's game against the Catamounts can be heard on WHCL.

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The Spectator SPORTS

Women's swimming places second at state tournament

By Seth Crossman '01
SPORTS WRITER

Heading into the state championships, the women's swim team was projected to take a respectable fourth or fifth place finish. Instead, the women vaulted into an impressive second place finish in a field of fourteen behind Ithaca. "We were 3-4 in dual meets [during the season] so to come in second is a fantastic way to end the season," said Head Coach David Thompson. Going into the final day of the Championships the women had a tentative hold on second place ahead of Union. By the end of the day the women had pulled away from all competitors and solidified their hold on second place. Earlier in the season at the UCAA Championships, Union had beaten the women by over 150 points. "We had some tough points during the season, but we pulled it together here at the end," said Senior Captain Maura Gorman.

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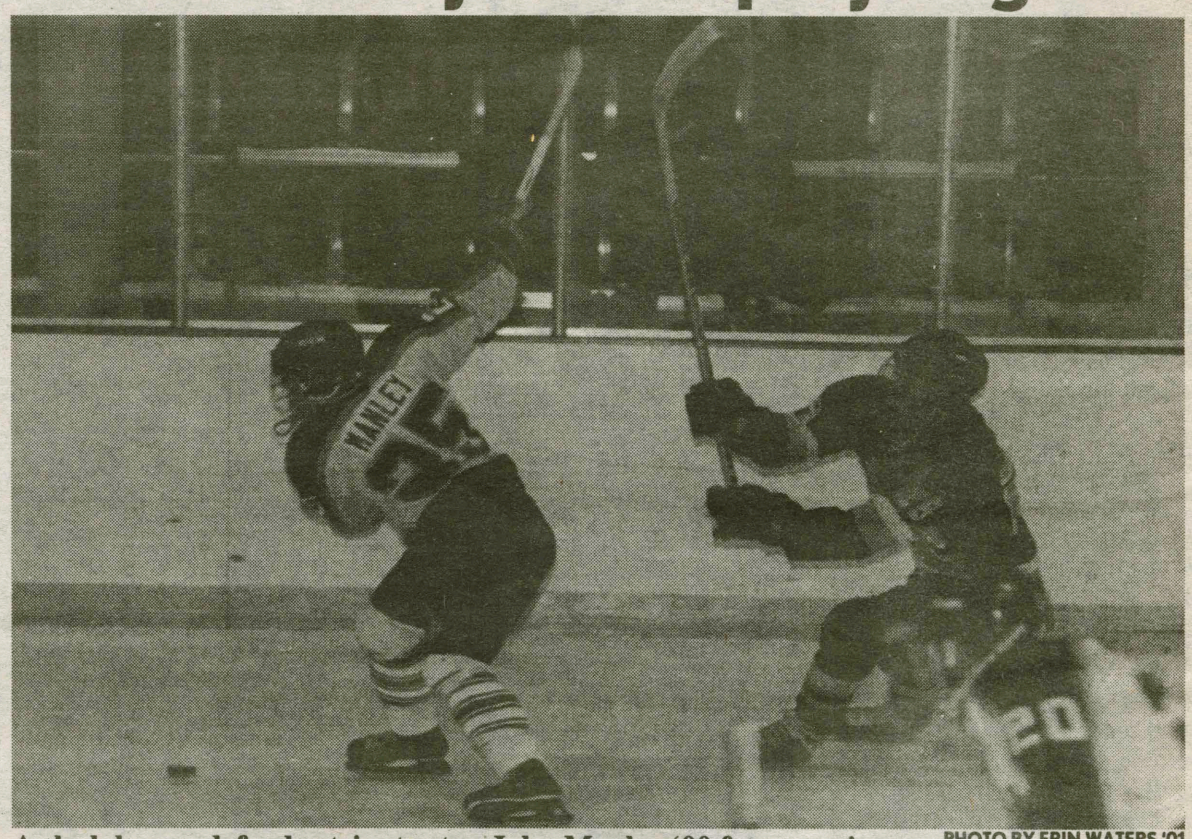
> **-Maura Gorman '98**

Coach Thompson emphasized that the whole team was going to have to work together to win. That spirit was demonstrated by the success of the relay teams. The 200 freestyle relay team led by Holly Brown '00, Meghan Steed '00, Amy Ryan '00, and Jennifer Kunz '01 finished second and made the B-cut for nationals. Steed, Brown, Kunz, Gorman raced to second in their relay. Gorman, Steed, Kunz, and Senior Captain Lisa Horner glided to third. The 400 medley relay team of Steed, Horner, Gorman, and Emily Pietropaolo '01 finished third. Gorman, Brown, Pietropaolo, and Erica Ball '01 rounded off the spectacular performances of the relay teams finishing second.

Individually, Gorman finished third in the 200 backstroke and second in the 100 backstroke with a time good enough to qualify for nationals at the B-cut. In the 100 freestyle Brown and Steed finished fourth and fifth respectively. Lisa Horner broke the school record in the 200 breaststroke and finished fourth. Brown finished third in the 200 IM to make nationals at the B-cut. Pietropaolo finished fourth in the 200 fly. In diving, Emily Coleman '01 made finals on both the 1 and 3 meter boards, while Korey O'Malley '01 made finals on the 3 meter board. "We were the most unified team there," said Coach Thompson. One of the most satisfying elements of the second place finish for the women might have been the fact that fifteen of the twenty-one swimmers is either a freshman or sophomore.

This weekend the men's swimming team hosts the Men's state championships. Hopefully the men will fare just as well as the women.

Men's hockey to host playoff game



A slash happy defender tries to stop John Manley '00 from scoring. PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

By Dave Bolger '99
SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't the way they had hoped to finish the regular season, but the Continentals are set to host a play-off game, so they can't be too upset by this past weekend. Hamilton went into last weekend's final regular season games with the potential to end up with a #1 seed in the ECAC Tournament, but could only muster one point (0-1-1) on the winless roadtrip.

Friday night they faced Holy Cross who they trailed by two points in the standings. The Crusaders got on the board first when Jim Whelan took a shot from just inside the blueline that got past goaltender Brent Davey '00 who was screened by virtually nine players. The score remained 1-0 until the 3:23 mark of the second period when Vic Cizmarik '01 took a backhand pass from Sean Smith '01 and ripped a shot over the shoulder of Holy Cross goalie Tom Ormondroyd.

"Those guys find each other real well and can move and handle the puck better than a lot of people," Coach Phil Grady said of Cizmarik, Smith and Corey Dorzek '01, the all freshman line that came into their own this weekend by getting a great deal of ice time and playing well during crucial shifts.

The second period, dominated by Hamilton, remained tied after Cizmarik's goal. In the third, Holy Cross regained the lead when a Mike Ortwein shot deflected of the stick of Brian Coakley '99 and fooled Davey. But as was the theme in the game, after Holy Cross took the lead, they curled up in a defensive shell and let Hamilton's offense go to work.

For the second and third times of the game, the Continentals rallied to tie the game in the third period. John Manley '00 and David Webb '98 scored at the 3:07 and 13:56 marks of the third to even the score. Then, with the game tied at 3 and heading for overtime, Brett Cagliuso stuck a dagger in the hearts of the Continentals.

Just as the PA announcer finished telling the crowd there was one minute left to play, Cagliuso took a slap shot from outside the blueline that deflected off a skate and knuck-

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Continentals close to making NCAA's *Win over Williams will guarantee bid*

By Peter Ringel '01
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

With a win over Middlebury on Tuesday night, the Continentals improved to 14-9 and kept their NCAA playoff hopes alive. A win on Saturday over Williams will assure the Continentals of an NCAA bid and should also secure at least one home game. If there is an NCAA playoff game for Hamilton it will be played on Thursday, March 5th or Saturday, March 7th.

"Williams will be as tough as any team that we've played this year," said center Jon Schmiegel '99, who has been a dominating inside presence in recent games. "We have lost to some teams they've beaten, and we have beaten some teams that they have lost to. I think we match up pretty well with them, and if we can get the win it would be very beneficial to our chances of making the tournament. It should be a great game."

Despite awful weather on Tuesday, the Continentals traveled to Vermont to face Middlebury. The inclement weather did not slow the Continentals down as they used a strong, physical style to outduel Middlebury.

"We rebounded well and our defense picked up," said head basketball coach Tom Murphy. "Our shot selection was better, and everyone played well in spite of the fact that we turned the ball over too many times."

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> **-Head Coach Tom Murphy**

Schmiegel, Michael Schantz '99, and Max Stroman '99 all recorded double-doubles in points and rebounds as the Continentals broke open a 40-38 halftime lead by hitting on 26 of 34 second half free throws on their way to a 94-78 win. The Continentals never trailed in the contest, and outrebounded the Panthers 57-33.

Schmiegel led all players with 22 points and a season-high 19 rebounds, while Schantz had 21 points and 10 boards. Combined, the two front-line stars hit on 23 of 29 (79%) foul shots. Stroman added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Guards Kevin Thorpe '98 and Jimmy Driggs '01 had 17 and 13 points respectively. "Kevin shot well last night," added Murphy. "He has been playing pretty well of late, and I think he'll give us a great effort on Saturday."

This past Saturday the Continentals lost at Bowdoin 76-71. The Continentals trailed 38-29 at the half, but could not mount a rally until very late in the game. Thorpe scored 22 points in the losing effort. Tri captain Schantz fouled out with over five minutes left in the fourth quarter and was held to only 14 points. But Schantz still managed to grab 15 rebounds. Stroman added 14 points in the game, while Schmiegel provided another stellar performance by scoring 13 points and pulling down 18 rebounds.

Schmiegel also had a tremendous game on Friday night scoring a game-high 23 points in leading the Continentals to a 70-52 victory over Colby. Hamilton led throughout the game, holding a 28-23 halftime lead before Colby stormed back to cut the Continental lead to 31-30 at the 16:46 mark of the second half. However, Hamilton was able to withstand the run, as a series of fouls sent both Schmiegel and Schantz to the free throw line to pad the Continental lead.

Schantz scored 19 points, but pulled-down a game-high 12 rebounds. Thorpe added 12 points in the important win. Schantz and Schmiegel combined to hit on 16 of 23 (70%) foul shots for the game, most of which came during a 18-4 run to put the White Mules away.

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